



Animal Products (Export Requirement: Inspection Agencies Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Inspection) Amendment Notice 2013

Pursuant to section 60 and section 167(1)(ja) of the Animal Products Act 1999, I, Carol Barnao issue the following notice for the purposes of amending the Animal Products (Export Requirement: Inspection Agencies Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Inspection) Notice 2009.

Signed at Wellington this 7th day of October 2013

[signed]

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Notice

1 Title

- (1) This notice is the Animal Products (Export Requirement: Inspection Agencies Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Inspection) Amendment Notice 2013.
- (2) This notice amends the Animal Products (Export Requirement: Inspection Agencies Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Inspection) Notice 2009 (the **principal notice**).

2 Commencement

This notice comes into force on 10 October 2013

3 Clause 4 of principal notice amended

- (1) Clause 4 of the principal notice is amended to include the following definitions:

company inspection has the same meaning as defined in the Animal Products (Export Requirement: Company Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Inspection) Notice 2013

company ante-mortem inspector has the same meaning as defined in the Animal Products (Export Requirement: Company Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Inspection) Notice 2013

company post-mortem inspector has the same meaning as in the Animal Products (Export Requirement: Company Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Inspection) Notice 2013

main slaughter-chain company post mortem inspection means the procedures taking place on the main slaughter chain relating to dispositions specified in Appendix 3 of Manual 16 and Schedule 1 of the Animal Products (Export Requirement: Company Ante-Mortem and Post Mortem Inspection) Notice 2013

MPI VS means Ministry for Primary Industries Verification Services

Manual 16 means the current edition of the “Post-mortem Inspection Procedures” issued by the Ministry for Primary Industries, together with any additions, amendments, and deletions made to or from that manual

Official veterinarian means a verifier a veterinarian registered with the Veterinary Council of New Zealand who is recognised under section 103 of the Act to undertake verification, and appointed as an animal product officer

roving inspector means a post-mortem inspector appointed under clause 18(1)(c), undertaking the activities specified in Schedule 3 and clause 18(1)(g)

slaughter floor means, unless otherwise expressly provided for in a country specific Overseas Market Access Requirement notice issued under section 60(1)(b) of the Act, a discrete processing area where the slaughter and processing of one or more animal species occurs at any given time.

4 Clause 9 of principal notice is revoked and replaced

Clause 9 of the principal notice is revoked and replaced with:

“9 Procedure relating to management of ante-mortem and post-mortem inspectors

An inspection agency must ensure that activities other than ante-mortem and post mortem inspection and associated functions undertaken by ante-mortem or post-mortem inspectors are pre approved by Director General”

5 Clauses 18, 19 and 20 inserted into the principal notice

The following clauses 18, 19 and 20 are inserted into the principal notice:

18 Inspection agency responsibilities when an animal product business operator carries out company inspection

(1) Where an animal product business operator carries out company inspection, the inspection agency must; —

- (a) assess the performance of company ante-mortem and post-mortem inspectors and company personnel conducting detain rail activities in accordance with the MPI approved documentary system provided for in clause 15 using the company performance targets in clause 6 (2) of the Animal Products (Export Requirement: Company Ante-Mortem and Post Mortem Inspection) Notice 2013;

- (b) provide the animal product business operator with information on the results of the activities undertaken in (a) and where appropriate, refer any relevant matters to the establishments' official veterinarian for resolution;
- (c) appoint an official assessor to act as the roving inspector and undertake roving inspection duties specified in this clause;
- (d) ensure, unless otherwise expressly provided for in a country specific Overseas Market Access Requirement notice issued under section 60(1)(b) of the Act, that each slaughter floor where company post mortem inspection is being undertaken has a roving inspector present for at least 80 – 85 % of the time during each shift while slaughter floor processing is being undertaken;
- (e) undertake the activities specified in Schedule 3;
- (f) ensure that official assessor(s) undertake the post mortem dispositions contained within Schedule 4;
- (g) ensure that the official assessor and roving inspector, in the course of performing their inspection tasks, supervise company post-mortem inspection activities and, where a unresolved matter of non compliance arises , refer any relevant matters to the animal product business' official veterinarian for resolution;
- (h) subject to subclause (3), ensure that there is only one official assessor manning each slaughter chain and that that official assessor is located at, or immediately after, the final main chain carcase inspection point;
- (i) ensure that, where necessary, an official assessor undertakes additional incisions, examinations and sampling to determine the presence, character and extent of any condition that may affect any of the product dispositions listed in Schedule 4;
- (j) ensure that an official assessor or roving inspector re-inspects any carcase(s) on the detain or dead rail identified with a product disposition listed in Schedule 4;
- (k) obtain disease and defect information from the animal products business operator and include this information in its' own recording system;
- (l) include Schedule 4 disease information in its' own recording system;
- (m) train and assess as competent company ante-mortem and post mortem inspectors and company personnel conducting detain rail activities in accordance with relevant requirements of the Animal Products (Export Requirement: Company Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Inspection) Notice 2013;

- (n) where appropriate, retrain and reassess as competent company ante-mortem and post mortem inspectors and company personnel conducting detain rail activities;
 - (o) ensure that the roving inspector is trained and assessed as competent to NZQA 1497: New Zealand Certificate in Meat Processing (Compliance Checks) with strands in Edible Areas, and Inedible Areas or any subsequently approved MPI amendment. The roving inspector is only required to have the Inedible Areas strand when the Inspector in Charge Activities specified in Schedule 3 are undertaken;
 - (p) undertake the submission of samples and interpretation of results as specified in Manual 16, section 3.2;
 - (q) ensure that there is written agreement between the inspection agency and the animal products business operator on the company post-mortem inspector staffing levels and corresponding production rates.
- (2) For the avoidance of doubt official assessor(s) and the roving inspector must, pending advice from and intervention of, the animal product business' official veterinarian, take immediate corrective action where company inspectors are not performing their assigned inspection procedures. [Note: The powers of official assessors are set out in section 93 of the Act].
- (3) The inspection agency may, despite clause 18(1)(h), provide additional official assessor(s) manning on each slaughter chain for an interim period of up to 6 months.
- (4) If additional post-mortem inspectors are provided in accordance with subclause (3) the following applies:
 - (a) the interim period may commence on the day that MPI has approved the animal products business operator documented procedures in accordance with clause 9(5) of the Animal Products (Export Requirement: Company Ante-Mortem and Post Mortem Inspection) Notice 2013;
 - (b) the interim period will expire 6 months after MPI has approved the animal products business operator documented procedures in accordance with clause 9(5) of the Animal Products (Export Requirement: Company Ante-Mortem and Post Mortem Inspection) Notice 2013;
 - (c) the inspection agency must have determined and documented that such a course of action is required to ensure compliance with the relevant provisions of the Animal Products (Export Requirement: Company Ante-Mortem and Post Mortem Inspection) Notice 2013;
 - (d) clause 19(1)(a) does not apply:

- (e) The inspection agency and animal products business operator will document their agreement and make it available to MPI.

19 Inspection agency role when an animal product business operator requests that it undertakes certain main slaughter chain post mortem inspection activities

- (1) Where a animal products business operator undertakes company inspection an inspection agency may enter into contract with the operator to undertake main slaughter chain company post mortem inspection provided that:
 - (a) the inspection activities are exclusively confined to the official assessor position referred to in clause 18(1)(h);
 - (b) the inspection agency and animal products business operator document their agreement and the animal business operator ensures that any payment for services is provided directly to the inspection agency;
 - (c) the animal products business operator accepts in writing that he/she will, for the duration of the agreement referred to in subclause (b), accept any product dispositions made by an official assessor;
 - (d) the animal products business operator accepts in writing that the official assessor, when undertaking certain main slaughter chain company post mortem inspection procedures and dispositions, is solely responsible to the inspection agency; and
 - (e) the agreement referred to in subclause (b) specifies the grounds for termination by either party.
- (2) An official assessor must not, unless otherwise specified in this notice, undertake any company post mortem inspection functions or activities.
- (3) For the avoidance of doubt, official assessors may undertake functions or activities on behalf of the inspection agency in areas related to; biosecurity, animal welfare, training, sampling and laboratory analysis, auditing and food chain information and reporting.

20 Application of Schedule 1 of the Animal Products (Export Requirement: Inspection Agencies Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Inspection) Notice 2009

Schedule 1 of the Animal Products (Export Requirement: Inspection Agencies Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Inspection) Notice 2009 does not apply when an animal products business operator undertakes company inspection.

6 Schedules added to the principal notice

The following Schedules 3 and 4 are added to the principal notice:

Schedule 3

Roles of the Roving Inspector, Official assessors and Company inspectors associated with ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection

Schedule 4

Inspection Agency Post Mortem Disease Dispositions”

7 Revocation

The Animal Products (Export Requirement: Inspection Agencies Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Inspection) Amendment Notice 2012 dated 16 August 2012 is revoked.

Issued under section 60 and section 167(1)(ja) of the Animal Products Act 1999.

Date of notification in *Gazette*:

This notice is administered in the Ministry for Primary Industries

Schedule 3

Roles of the Roving Inspector, official assessors and company inspectors associated with ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection

Mandatory Market Access Activity ¹	Specified Task	Organisation responsible for performing this task	Individual who may perform the task ²	Accountable for verification activities ³	Additional comments.
Mandatory market access AM and PM inspection and associated activities					
	AM inspection (including animal welfare in lairages)	Inspection Agency	Official assessor or IIC or Roving inspector	Veterinary Technical Supervisor	

¹ MPI may elect to undertake any activity specified in this table on the basis of cost effectiveness. In such cases an APO must, unless otherwise specified, be used to perform the task(s).

² For the purposes of this schedule Official assessor does not mean/include the roving inspector unless otherwise indicated

³ MPI Standards are responsible for systems audits of inspection agencies and MPIVS.

Mandatory Market Access Activity ¹	Specified Task	Organisation responsible for performing this task	Individual who may perform the task ²	Accountable for verification activities ³	Additional comments.
	PM inspection ⁴	Inspection Agency	Official assessor and Company ⁵ inspectors ⁵ in accordance with MPI specified requirements	Veterinary Technical Supervisor	Roving inspector may provide relief/rotation for an official assessor performing on chain PM activities.
	Supervision of company post mortem inspection and official assessor activities	Inspection Agency	Roving inspector	Veterinary Technical Supervisor	
	PM inspection – assistance to detain workers where judgment is unclear	Inspection Agency	Roving inspector or Official assessors	Veterinary Technical Supervisor	

⁴ The procedures and dispositions that must be undertaken by company post mortem inspectors are specified in the Animal Products (Export Requirement: Company Ante-Mortem and Post Mortem Inspection) Notice 2013. Official assessors must use the dispositions specified in the Animal Products (Export Requirement: Inspection Agencies for Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Inspection) Amendment Notice 2013.

⁵ Company inspectors must not undertake any Official Assessor mandated activities noted in footnote 4

Mandatory Market Access Activity ¹	Specified Task	Organisation responsible for performing this task	Individual who may perform the task ²	Accountable for verification activities ³	Additional comments.
	Tb sampling, security, packaging, submission, and boning under supervision notification	Inspection Agency	Roving inspector	Veterinary Technical Supervisor	
	Tb disposition	MPI VS	Veterinary Technical Supervisor	MPI Regional Technical Manager	
Official assessor performance assessment	Statistically based performance monitoring of company and inspection agency PM inspection related procedures and targets	Inspection Agency	Roving inspector	Veterinary Technical Supervisor	
Official Programmes					

Mandatory Market Access Activity ¹	Specified Task	Organisation responsible for performing this task	Individual who may perform the task ²	Accountable for verification activities ³	Additional comments.
Residues; Monitoring Surveillance Survey ISL	Collection, correlation to carcass, pre-dispatch storage, security, product detention, and packaging, and submission	Inspection Agency	Roving inspector or Veterinary Technical Supervisor	Veterinary Technical Supervisor	
	Notification of sampling programme and sample plan	MPI VS	Veterinary Technical Supervisor	MPI Regional Technical Manager	
Residues; Monitoring Surveillance Survey ISL	Traceback and product disposition	MPI VS	Veterinary Technical Supervisor	MPI Regional Technical Manager	
SOS testing	Sample collection and testing and if appropriate; product detention, packaging and submission	Inspection Agency	Official Assessor or Roving inspector or Veterinary Technical Supervisor	Veterinary Technical Supervisor	
SOS testing	Traceback and product dispositions.	MPI VS	Veterinary Technical Supervisor	MPI Regional Technical Manager	

Mandatory Market Access Activity ¹	Specified Task	Organisation responsible for performing this task	Individual who may perform the task ²	Accountable for verification activities ³	Additional comments.
Trichinella	Sample collection and testing and product detention, packaging, submission	Inspection Agency	Roving inspector or Veterinary Technical Supervisor	Veterinary Technical Supervisor or MPI Regional Technical Manager	
Trichinella	Traceback and disposition	MPI VS	Veterinary Technical Supervisor	MPI Regional Technical Manager	
Water sampling	Supervision of sample taking and official sealing	Inspection Agency	Roving inspector or Veterinary Technical Supervisor	Veterinary Technical Supervisor or MPI Regional Technical Manager	
Designated product for detention	Resulting from the post-mortem inspection process and judgement standards specified by MPI	MPI VS	Veterinary Technical Supervisor or Official Assessor or Roving inspector	Veterinary Technical Supervisor or MPI Regional Technical Manager	
Control of product after official sampling , including boning of suspect product under supervision	Supervision to a secure site, security, inventories	Inspection Agency	Veterinary Technical Supervisor or Roving inspector	Veterinary Technical Supervisor or MPI Regional Technical Manager	

Mandatory Market Access Activity ¹	Specified Task	Organisation responsible for performing this task	Individual who may perform the task ²	Accountable for verification activities ³	Additional comments.
RMP and OMAR Verification	Monthly verification scope in VS online	MPI VS	Veterinary Technical Supervisor	MPI Regional Technical Manager	
ASD's and Lists, eg, C bovis and residue surveillance lists, ISL, New Zealand origin lists, Russia Tb.	Confirmation that the operator has correctly identified animals and product in accordance with the Various lists	Inspection Agency	Roving inspector or Veterinary Technical Supervisor	Veterinary Technical Supervisor or MPI Regional Technical Manager	
Species Verification	In accordance with MPI export standards	Inspection Agency	Roving inspector or Veterinary Technical Supervisor	Veterinary Technical Supervisor or MPI Regional Technical Manager	
Disease and defect information, including company post mortem disease and defect information where relevant and provision of information to MPI	Correlation of disease and defect information, kill tallies. Provision of information to MPI	Inspection Agency	Official assessor or Roving inspector	Veterinary Technical Supervisor	Inspection Agency must provide access to information in a national database.
Brands and inventory control (slaughterhouse)	In accordance with MPI export standards	Inspection Agency	Roving inspector or Veterinary Technical Supervisor	Veterinary Technical Supervisor or MPI Regional Technical Manager	

Mandatory Market Access Activity ¹	Specified Task	Organisation responsible for performing this task	Individual who may perform the task ²	Accountable for verification activities ³	Additional comments.
Inspection Agency Quality system	Verification to determine that procedures are being followed	MPI VS	Veterinary Technical Supervisor	MPI Regional Technical Manager	
Nominated Person Inspector In-Charge (IIC)⁶					Nominated Person Inspector In-Charge (IIC) is only required when the Veterinary Technical Supervisor is off site.
Inspector in charge during Veterinary Technical Supervisor absence	Inspector in charge	Inspection Agency	Nominated person (IIC)	Veterinary Technical Supervisor	
Animal welfare at slaughter	as per IAS5 AW Codes of Practice Guidelines and EU OMAR	MPI VS	Nominated person (IIC)/ Veterinary Technical Supervisor	Veterinary Technical Supervisor/ MPI Regional Technical Manager	
Pre operative hygiene assurance	Pre operative hygiene inspection	Inspection Agency	Nominated Person (IIC)	Veterinary Technical Supervisor	
Regulatory Overview, Hygienic slaughter and dressing	Daily walk through edible departments and completion of other	MPI VS	Nominated person (IIC) / Veterinary Technical Supervisor	Veterinary Technical Supervisor/ MPI Regional Technical Manager	This off chain task is required per shift for establishments with a PBV rating of 1 to 4 inclusive.

⁶ A Nominated person (IIC) must be trained and assessed as competent to NZQA 1497: New Zealand Certificate in Meat Processing (Compliance Checks) with strands in Edible Areas, and Inedible Areas or any subsequently approved amendment. Any Nominated person must also be assessed as suitable by the MPI/VS establishment supervising veterinarian, to undertake the tasks specified in this schedule. The roving inspector may act as the Nominated person if the above requirements are met. This person may also act as a Nominated Person (IIC) at his/her "home" premises or at other premises provided that mandatory market access activities and other relevant requirements are not compromised.

Mandatory Market Access Activity ¹	Specified Task	Organisation responsible for performing this task	Individual who may perform the task ²	Accountable for verification activities ³	Additional comments.
	mandated tasks or tasks specified by the VTS. Assessment and corrective action.				Nominated Person (IIC) performs this task when the VTS is absent from premises conducting approved off site verification programmes
Non-conformance	Supervision of processing that fails to comply with the documented requirements for the process	MPI VS	Nominated Person (IIC) or Veterinary Technical Supervisor	Veterinary Technical Supervisor / MPI Regional Technical Manager	
	Tb product detention	MPI VS	Nominated Person (IIC) or Veterinary Technical Supervisor	Veterinary Technical Supervisor / MPI Regional Technical Manager	Nominated Person performs this task when the VTS is absent from premises conducting approved off site verification programmes
Security Devices (Carton seals and container seals)	Issuing of security devices and maintenance of inventory control in accordance with MPI Export Standards	MPI VS	Nominated Person (IIC) or Roving inspector or Veterinary Technical Supervisor	Veterinary Technical Supervisor / MPI Regional Technical Manager	

Mandatory Market Access Activity ¹	Specified Task	Organisation responsible for performing this task	Individual who may perform the task ²	Accountable for verification activities ³	Additional comments.
Other Activities	Overview of key processing stations	MPI VS	Nominated Person (IIC) or Veterinary Technical Supervisor	Veterinary Technical Supervisor / MPI Regional Technical Manager	
	Boning room CUSUM and pretrim	MPI VS	Nominated Person (IIC) or Veterinary Technical Supervisor	Veterinary Technical Supervisor / MPI Regional Technical Manager	
	Monitoring operator NMD sampling technique	MPI VS	Nominated Person (IIC) or Veterinary Technical Supervisor	Veterinary Technical Supervisor / MPI Regional Technical Manager	
	Monitoring operator ZFT sampling	MPI VS	Nominated Person (IIC) or Veterinary Technical Supervisor	Veterinary Technical Supervisor / MPI Regional Technical Manager	

Animal Products (Export Requirement: Inspection Agencies Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Inspection) Amendment Notice 2013;
Schedule 4 - Inspection Agency Post Mortem Disease Dispositions

Disease or Defect	Details	Disposition	Parts of slaughtered animal	Comments
Bovine, ovine, caprine				
Abscess	Systemic involvement	Condemn	All	
Actinomycosis, Actinobacillosis	Numerous and widespread lesions with emaciation and oedema	Condemn	All	
Arthritis	Acute, with evidence of systemic involvement	Condemn	All	
Arthritis	Acute with emaciation	Condemn	All	
Arthritis	Acute polyarthritis	Condemn	All	
Bruises	Extensive with systemic involvement or gangrenous	Condemn	All	
CLA	Systemic involvement (i.e. fevered or showing evidence of haematogenous spread) on carcass and or viscera inspection	Condemn	All	
Enteritis	Haemorrhagic or gangrenous	Condemn	All	
Gangrene	Wet gangrene with systemic involvement	Condemn	All	
	When liver degeneration and a pronounced yellow or yellow/green discolouration not only of the fat but also of the cartilages, tendon sheaths, serous membranes and connective tissue generally. Secondary changes	Condemn	All	
Icterus	If there are signs of septicaemia	Condemn	All	
Leptospirosis	Acute with systemic involvement	Condemn	All	
Mastitis	Acute with systemic involvement	Condemn	All	
Metritis	Acute with systemic involvement	Condemn	All	
Neoplasia	Carcass with metastasis in carcass or viscera	Condemn	All	
Neoplasia	Organ or viscera with metastasis in carcass	Condemn	All	
Neoplasia	Organ with metastasis to carcass and very poor carcass	Condemn	All	
Oedema	Generalised	Condemn	All	
Oedema	Localised but accompanied by emaciation	Condemn	All	
Parasites	Harmful to humans (<i>E. granulosus</i>).	Condemn	Affected organs	Lab submission procedures apply
Parasites	Harmful to humans (<i>T. saginata</i>)	Condemn	Affected parts or all if systemic	Special procedures apply. Based on lab results
Pericarditis	Acute with fever or septicaemia	Condemn	All	
Pericarditis	Purulent with evidence of systemic involvement	Condemn	All	
Peritonitis	Acute or diffuse with septicaemic-like lesions	Condemn	All	
Pleurisy	Acute or diffuse with evidence of systemic involvement	Condemn	All	
Pleurisy	Pleura are hyperaemic and there are obvious signs of systemic involvement	Condemn	All	
Pneumonia	Acute pneumonia with evidence of systemic involvement or gangrenous involvement	Condemn	All	
Pyæmia/toxaemia		Condemn	All	
Salmonellosis		Condemn	All	
Septicaemia		Condemn	All	
Suppurating lesions	With systemic involvement	Condemn	All	
Tuberculosis		Condemn	Affected parts/all	Special procedures apply
Uræmia		Condemn	All	

