



Animal Products (Risk Organism Response Plans) Notice 2008

Under sections 60 and 60A of the Animal Products Act 1999 and being satisfied that it is necessary and desirable for the purpose of facilitating access to overseas markets, it is in accordance with the requirements of the relevant authority of the importing country and it is necessary or desirable to safeguard assurances provided by New Zealand, I, Carol Barnao, Director (Standards), issue the following notice in relation to overseas market access requirements.

Signed at Wellington this 26 day of May 2008

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New Zealand Food Safety Authority
(Acting under delegated authority)

Certified in order for signature

Solicitor
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Notice

1 Title

This notice is the Animal Products (Risk Organism Response Plans) Notice 2008.

2 Commencement

This notice comes into force on the day of issue.

3 Interpretation

- (1) In this notice, unless the context of the notice otherwise requires -

decontamination means the process of removing the ability of the infective agent to act as a source of infection

response means the actions taken immediately before, during or directly after a risk organism has been confirmed where management of the risks posed by that organisms considered appropriate

risk organism means an organism either already present in, or new to, New Zealand that poses a potential biosecurity risk

risk organism response plan means a readily available response plan verified to ensure there are response systems to stop the dissemination of risk organisms from an operators premises by containing, destroying and decontaminating any conveyors

transfer certification is documentation required under the Animal Products Act 1999 to accompany the movement of animal products and materials from one risk management programme to another and to support the issuing of official assurances.

ungulate means a hoofed animal and includes pigs, sheep, cattle, goats, deer and horses.

- (2) Any term or expression that is defined in the Animal Products Act 1999 and is not defined in this document has the same meaning as in that Act.

4 Application

- (1) This notice applies to all export animal product operators other than operators of poultry, egg, seafood, and bee products.
- (2) By way of explanation, this notice applies, but is not limited, to primary and secondary processors of animal material or animal product from ungulates and cold store operators, all processors of hides, skins, and fibres, dairy processors, casing processors and rendering operators.

5 Requirements

- (1) An export animal product operator is required to implement and maintain operational, site specific, risk organism response plans.
- (2) This is specific to the site at which they are operating.
- (3) An operator must ensure that they -
 - (a) are prepared for plan verification; and
 - (b) have planned how the plan will be implemented in the event of a response.

6 Minimum Requirements

A risk organism response plan must include the following minimum requirements:

- (a) a person designated as the Site Coordinator:
- (b) a description of staff training and awareness:
- (c) a description of proposed movement control:
- (d) a description of product treatment and processing:
- (e) a description of proposed organism containment, including control of personnel, animals, vehicles, plant and equipment, waste streams:
- (f) a description of decontamination procedures including, cleaning and sanitising:
- (g) a description of proposed controls in relation to the segregation and trace back of animal products:
- (h) a description of proposed controls of exports including transfer certification and export certification.

7 Verification

Risk organism response plans will be subject to annual verification by agencies recognised by the Director General for that purpose.

8 Revocation

This notice revokes the Animal Products (Risk Organism Response Plans) Notice 2008 which was issued on 21 April 2008.

Explanatory Note

This notice provides that all animal product operators (except certain operators who are specifically excluded) are required to implement and maintain, site specific, risk organism response plans.

Administrative details relating to the minimum requirements referred to in clause 6 are to be included in guidance material to be made available on the NZFSA website at www.nzfsa.govt.nz.

Until that time, guidance on risk organism preparedness and response is available from MAF Biosecurity New Zealand at <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/regs/stds/exotic-disease-response-programme.pdf>

Issued under section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999.

Notified under section 60A and 164 of the Animal Products Act 1999.

This notice is administered in the New Zealand Food Safety Authority.
