17 October 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

**Consultation on Proposed Operational Code Petfood Processing Chapter 3**

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is proposing the new Animal Products Operational Code Petfood Processing Chapter 3 Supply, Slaughter and Dressing of Farmed Animals. It is intended that this new chapter will replace the existing Chapter 3 Supply, Slaughter (On-farm) and Dressing of Young Calves and the existing Part 3.1 Slaughter and Killing of Farmed Mammals.

The Petfood Code of Practice is intended to give guidance on the currently agreed way to meet the regulatory requirements of MPI under the Animal Products Act 1999. The current Petfood ‘Code of Practice’ is incomplete and out of date with the Animal Products Specifications for Products Intended for Animal Consumption Notice 2014.

MPI is seeking feedback on the revised Chapter 3 Supply, Slaughter and Dressing of Farmed Animals and the two related forms (Ante-Mortem Examination Declaration and Farmed Animal Supplier Statement). It is intended to complete the revision of the existing parts and the development of new chapters over time.

The existing Code is located at: <http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/elibrary/industry/processing-code-practice-petfood/index.htm>

The Animal Products Specifications for Products Intended for Animal Consumption Notice 2014 is located at: <http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/elibrary/industry/products-intended-for-animal-consumption/specs-for-products-intended-for-animal-consumption-2014.pdf>

**Next steps**

You are invited to comment on Chapter 3 by **18 November 2016**.

Submitters should include the following information with their submission:

* the name and title of the submitter;
* company name, where applicable;
* address and contact details (phone, fax and e-mail, if available);
* name and title of the clause being commented on where appropriate.

A template has been provided to assist you in completing your submission. This will help in the analysis of submissions.

Submissions should be addressed to:

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Wellington 6140; or

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A summary of responses will be made available in due course.

All submissions are subject to the Official Information Act 1982. Therefore if you consider that all or part of your submission is commercially sensitive or should be treated as confidential, please state this clearly when making your submission and indicate which of the grounds within the Official Information Act for withholding information you believe applies. MPI will take your request into account when determining whether or not to release information. Please note that any decision by MPI to withhold information is able to be reviewed by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

Judy Barker

Manager Animal Products

Standards Branch

**Submissions Template: Proposed new:**

**Operational Code Petfood Processing Chapter 3**

Please use this table for making your comments for this review.

Name and title:

Organisation’s name (if applicable):

Address and contact details (e.g. phone, fax and email):

1. Please identify which Part(s) and Clause(s) or Subclause(s) your comment(s) relates to.
2. Use a separate row(s) for each individual comment relating to a different clause.

| **Questions MPI would like feedback on** | | |
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| 1. | Is the level of detail appropriate for the petfood sector? |  |
| 2. | Are the technical aspects correct? |  |
| 3. | Are the procedures practical and achievable for the petfood sector? |  |
| 4. | Are there any areas that need more guidance? |  |
| 5. | Are there any further changes needed to the Ante-Mortem Examination or Farmed Animal Supplier Statement forms? |  |

**Chapter 3 Supply, Slaughter and Dressing of Farmed Animals**

| **1. Part** | **2. Clause** | **3. Comment** | **4. Proposed amendment** |
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Please submit to [animal.products@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:animal.products@mpi.govt.nz) by 5pm 18 November 2016.