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Introduction

This introduction is not part of the programme, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

Purpose

This programme describes the procedures that should be followed in order to receive an official assurance to accompany exported animal fibre and game trophies within the scope of the [Animal Products Act 1999](#) (the Act).

This programme also provides guidance on:

- a) the processing and handling of animal material and animal products that are intended to be transferred to ships and aircrafts for consumption in such ships and aircrafts; and
- b) the use of New Zealand Standard export certificates; and
- c) animal material and animal products which are intended to be exported as trade samples or samples for scientific analysis; and
- d) animal material and animal products taken by travellers going abroad; and
- e) the qualification of authorised persons designated to sign MPI export certificates.

This programme primarily provides guidance of the above matters, which are currently outside the scope of the [Animal Products \(Official Assurances Specifications\) Notice 2013](#).

Background

The previous version of this programme specified requirements to ensure compliance with a number of animal products legislation, including the [Animal Products Act 1999](#), [Animal Products \(Ancillary and Transitional Provisions\) Act 1999](#), and the [Animal Products Regulations 2000](#). As those requirements were not issued by notice under the Act, they were of informative and guidance value only.

On 28 February 2013, the [Animal Products \(Official Assurances Specifications\) Notice 2013](#) was issued. This notice adopts all requirements in the programme, with the exception of those requirements that are specified in this version of the programme. As such, this programme cannot be regarded a legal document, hence the subsequent disclaimer.

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Important disclaimer

This programme is not a legal interpretation of the [Animal Products Act 1999](#) or the [Animal Products Regulations 2000](#). Nor is it produced for the purpose of giving professional advice of any nature.

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4	6 September 2004	NZFSA
5	July 2005	NZFSA
6	June 2006	NZFSA
7	December 2008	NZFSA
8	December 2009	NZFSA
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Part 1: Preliminary provisions

1.1 Application

- (1) This programme applies to:
 - a) animal fibre intended for export with an official assurance; and
 - b) game trophies intended for export with an official assurance; and
 - c) operators of premises which process animal fibre and game trophies for export with an official assurance; and
 - d) exporters of animal fibre and game trophies requiring an official assurance; and
 - e) official assurance verifiers; and
 - f) authorised persons.
- (2) This programme also provides guidance on:
 - a) the processing and handling of animal material and animal products that are intended to be transferred to ships and aircrafts for consumption in such ships and aircrafts; and
 - b) the use of New Zealand Standard export certificates; and
 - c) animal material and animal products which are intended to be exported as trade samples or samples for scientific analysis; and
 - d) animal material and animal products taken by travellers going abroad.
- (3) For official assurances requirements for all animal products, (not including dairy material and dairy products, animal fibre and game trophies) please refer to the [Animal Products \(Official Assurances Specifications\) Notice 2013](#).
- (4) For official assurances requirements for all dairy material and dairy products, please refer to the [Animal Products Notice: Official Assurances Specifications – Dairy Material and Dairy Products](#).

1.2 Definitions

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

Act means the [Animal Products Act 1999](#) unless otherwise stated;

animal fibre includes feathers and hair grown on the skin of an animal such as fur and wool;

authorised person means a person designated by the Director-General under section 65 of the Act as an authorised person for the purpose of issuing official assurances and for withdrawing and reissuing official assurances under section 64 of the Act;

authorised user means a person that has met specified competency criteria and has been given E-cert access to enable the raising of eligibility declarations for a premises;

country eligibility when applied to an identified lot of animal material or product means that all export requirements appropriate to the intended country(ies) of export, have been met; and eligibility status has a corresponding meaning;

E-cert means the electronic programme provided by the Director-General for the processing of eligibility declarations, eligibility documents and electronic export certificates, and includes the E-cert help file in that electronic programme;

eligibility declaration means a document raised by an operator that confirms the eligibility for export of any fish material or fish product that requires an official assurance;

eligibility document (ED) means a document raised by an operator and issued by an official assurance verifier, which confirms the eligibility for export of any animal material or product that requires an official assurance;

export approved premises means those premises approved under the [Animal Products \(Export Approved Premises\) Notice 2011](#), and any premises processing animal material or product not for human or animal consumption that is covered within the scope of a registered risk management programme;

export certificate is the form of an official assurance determined by the Director-General pursuant to section 62 of the Act;

import certificate means the official sanitary certificate associated with the animal material or product and issued by the government of the country from which New Zealand has imported the animal material or product;

issued in relation to paper documents, means signed by an authorised person, official assurance verifier or in the case of E-cert documents means, approved by an official assurance verifier or authorised person; and issue has a corresponding meaning;

MPI means the Ministry for Primary Industries;

MPI website refers to www.mpi.govt.nz;

the notice means the [Animal Products \(Official Assurances Specifications\) Notice 2013](#);

official assurance verifier (OA verifier) means a person recognised under section 103 of the Act to undertake official assurance verification and includes an animal product officer employed by the MPI Verification Services; and verifier has a corresponding meaning;

official assurance verification means the functions and activities of confirming compliance with any New Zealand standard and export requirements which apply to the animal material or animal product concerned;

overseas market access requirements (OMAR) means an export requirement specific to an identified overseas market or markets;

premises means the place where an animal product business is operated;

raise in relation to the E-cert system, means to complete and submit an eligibility document, eligibility declaration or an export health certificate in accordance with the E-cert help file;

recognised agency in relation to any function or activity means a person or body recognised by the Director-General under section 103 of the Act for the purpose of performing that function or activity;

recognised person means a person recognised or accredited by the Director-General under section 103 of the Act to perform specialist functions and activities;

transfer document means any form of document under this Programme that is able to support the issuing of an export certificate, or the preparation and, where applicable, issuing of another transfer document and includes an eligibility document, eligibility declaration, and exporter and operator declarations; and

unprocessed means not having been subject to any form of primary processing, as defined in the Act and the [Animal Products \(Definition of Primary Processor\) Notice 2000](#).

- (2) Any term or expression that is defined in the Animal Products Act 1999, Animal Products (Ancillary and Transitional Provisions) Act 1999, or regulations made under those Acts and used but not defined, in this programme has the same meaning as in those Acts or regulations.

Part 2: Transfer documentation – Animal fibre

2.1 Application

- (1) The provisions of this part are additional to the requirements contained in Part 3 of [the notice](#), and it sets out an alternative to the eligibility document requirements in Part 4 of [the notice](#) for the transfer documentation requirements that should be met to receive an official assurance for animal fibre.

2.2 Commercial documents

- (1) A commercial document, or an eligibility document raised in E-cert, should accompany all transfers of animal fibre between export approved premises.
- (2) The commercial document should include:
 - a) consignor (export approved premises name and identifier)
 - b) consignee (export approved premises name and identifier)
 - c) description of goods
 - d) number and kind of packages
 - e) net weight.
- (3) Where a transfer of animal fibre between export approved premises:
 - a) contains animal fibre that has been imported into New Zealand or
 - b) requires eligibility for a market subject to a requirement, as notified by way of OMAR, that can not be verified at the export approved premises to which it is being sent; or
 - c) contains animal fibre that has been processed, and the processing parameters to which the animal fibre has been subjected may be attested to on an accompanying export certificate,then the commercial document should additionally include:
 - a) declarations required to support the issuing of the required official assurance; and
 - b) signature of operator; and
 - c) date of Signature; and
 - d) name of signatory in capital letters.

Any form of documentation, such as trucking dockets, can be used to meet the “commercial document” requirements of this Programme. Those operators requiring some assistance may elect to use the commercial document template provided by MPI.

2.3 Additional attestations

- (1) The operator of each export approved premises should ensure that where any additional attestations are required:
 - a) to support the issue of an official assurance for a market and/or
 - b) by OMAR for a marketfor which a consignment of animal fibre is intended to be eligible, such attestations are to be added to the commercial declaration.
- (2) Where additional attestations are added, they should be supported by operator procedures and supplier records, where appropriate.

Where the final destination of the animal fibre product is unknown, the operator's procedures and records should consider all likely destinations to ensure that eligibility to the widest range of potential markets is maintained.

The interpretation of "the animal fibre was derived from animal resident in New Zealand, or animals domiciled in New Zealand" is that the animal fibre is derived from animals living in New Zealand at the time of harvest. In the case of animal fibre harvested from hides, pelts or skins; that the hide, pelt or skin from which the animal fibre was sourced was removed from an animal that died or was slaughtered in New Zealand.

Each operator should be able to demonstrate, through their operator records (including, where required, transfer documents) that no contributing animal fibre has been declared as imported. The chain of operator records will provide a traceback to the farm of origin.

The interpretation of "the animal fibre was legally imported from [country]" means the animal fibre has been imported either as animal fibre or as animal fibre on a pelt, hide or skin. Legally imported animal fibre should have both Biosecurity New Zealand clearance and New Zealand Customs clearance.

Additionally to be eligible for re-export, the animal fibre (and where applicable the hides, pelts and skins from which the animal fibre was harvested) should have been subjected to an inspection by an Animal Product Officer in accordance with OMAR 01/172 "[Import of Foreign Animal Material and Animal Products and Return to New Zealand of New Zealand Animal Material and Animal Products for Domestic Use or Export.](#)"

2.4 Eligibility documents

- (1) Where it is intended that animal fibre be exported with an official assurance, an eligibility document raised on E-cert should accompany the transfer of animal fibre from the final export approved premises to the exporter. The eligibility document should be raised prior to the animal fibre product departing the export approved premises.

Where the establishments preparing consignments for final export do not have the capability to raise eligibility documents, the operator of that establishment should engage an agent to raise eligibility documents on their behalf. The exporter could act as the agent. The eligibility document would be raised by the agent using the identifier of the establishments preparing consignments for final export. The agent is required to be specifically authorised by the operator to use their identifier and the operator is legally responsible for the eligibility documents raised by the agent.

- (2) The eligibility documents are completed once either:
 - a) an official assurance verifier with current first-hand knowledge of the operation has issued the eligibility document or
 - b) an official assurance verifier has checked the eligibility document against the compliance database (checks should include confirming product eligibility and relevant country listings of source premises), and has issued the eligibility document.

2.5 Eligibility for an official assurance

- (1) Unless exempt from the requirement to be an export approved premises, animal fibre received from a premises that is not an export approved premises is ineligible for export with an official assurance.
- (2) Animal fibre received by an export approved premises that is not accompanied by transfer documentation in accordance with this programme, is ineligible for export with an official assurance.

Refer to clause 5 of [the notice](#) for requirements of identification and separation of animal fibre that should be in place to prevent animal fibre from potentially being exported to markets for which it may be ineligible.

Part 3: Transfer documentation – Game trophies

3.1 Application

In addition to Part 3 of [the notice](#), this part sets out an alternative to eligibility documents in Part 4 of [the notice](#) for the transfer documentation requirements that should be met to receive an official assurance for game trophies.

3.2 Taxidermists

- (1) This clause applies to taxidermists that process game trophies for which an official assurance is required that attests to the processing or packing of the game trophy.

See the Animal Products (Export Approved Premises) Notice 2006 for requirements that apply to these premises.

- (2) No official transfer documentation need accompany the transfer of a game trophy from an export approved premises to export via a freight forwarder, subject to the game trophy being only stored for a short period of time at that freight forwarder.

Storage at the freight forwarder should be minimized, and should not exceed 48 hours.

- (3) The exporter should notify the authorised person, in writing, of the details of the freight forwarder that is storing the game trophy.

Clause 67 of [the notice](#) provides the requirements for obtaining an official assurance. This compliance database is the minimum level of transfer documentation required to support the issuing of an official assurance.

3.3 Verification

- (1) The recognised agency should provide official assurance verifiers with access, at all times to a compliance database. The database should record product restrictions (if any), verification results, including audit results from the MPI Compliance and Investigation Group, and those conducted by overseas authorities. Any other information relevant to the issuing of official assurances should also be held.
- (2) The official assurance verifier, with direct responsibility for a premises, should ensure that they maintain the compliance database, so that information is current.
- (3) Official assurance verifiers, where they have justifiable reasons, may audit official assurance supporting documentation at any time.

Nothing in clause 3.3 prevents the recognised agency from developing and implementing a summary of the compliance database, or other such mechanism, that provides the official assurance verifier and the authorised persons with the relevant information.

3.4 Game trophies

- (1) This clause applies to all exporters of game trophies, requesting an export certificate for game trophies outside the scope of clause 3.2 of this programme. This clause includes export certification attesting to origin only.
- (2) Exporters requesting an export certificate should provide a declaration to the authorised person that supports the issuance of the export certificate. Advice and templates for such declarations are available from the MPI Verification Services certification offices.
- (3) At the discretion of the authorised person, the authorised person may require the exporter to present the game trophy for inspection prior to the issuing of an export certificate.

Authorised persons may issue game trophy export certificates supported by an attestation signed by a person who is not an official provided that the authorised person is satisfied that the person is in a position to sign the attestation accurately and honestly, and the authorised person has not reason to doubt the person's integrity.

The provision for the exporter to present the game trophy to the authorised person allows the authorised person to gain sufficient confidence in the details being declared by the exporter.

Part 4: Ship and aircraft stores

4.1 Ship and aircraft stores

- (1) Animal material or animal product that is consigned to stores, for transfer to crafts on which the animal material or product will be consumed, should legally be able to be sold within New Zealand.
- (2) Animal material or animal product consigned to stores, to be placed in bond at an overseas port for distribution to other craft, should comply with the certification requirements for commercial shipments to the country concerned. The exporter may apply for alternative certification by submitting, to MPI (Market Access), documentary evidence that the importing country will accept variations. Known variations will be notified in the overseas market access requirements.

Part 5: New Zealand standard export certificates

5.1 New Zealand standard export certificates

- (1) Where an animal material or animal product for which an export certificate is being prepared is covered by the scope of more than one export certificate, such as certain game trophies that are both an inedible animal product and a game trophy, then the export certificate template that is the most specific should be used.
- (2) New Zealand standard export certificates are located in E-cert under the country "New Zealand" and carry the prefix "NZ" before the identifier number.
- (3) When completing the New Zealand standard export certificates the exporter:
 - a) should select the appropriate New Zealand standard export certificate (select New Zealand as the importing country to see templates available);
 - b) should select the appropriate origin attestation provided; or
 - c) despite paragraph b) above, and in accordance with clause 125 of [the notice](#); if the country of origin of the source animals cannot be traced for any of the raw material then the certificate should not show any of the animal origin statements that form part of the certificate template.

Where the raw material cannot be traced via a documentation trail, e.g. via eligibility document to a New Zealand primary processor or import certificate, it is not possible to certify the country of origin of the animals from which the product or material was derived. Traced via a documentation trail means, the incoming raw material is accompanied by transfer documentation as specified elsewhere in this programme, and includes receiving direct from the supplier of the animal (e.g. dead stock retrieval from a farm).

Paragraph c) of sub clause 5.1(3) would most often, but not exclusively apply to rendering operations that process restaurant waste, shop waste and the like.

- (4) Where more specificity is required to describe the products origin than is supplied in the E-cert template options, one of the imported product declaration options available in Part 6 of this programme may be inputted into the official information box.
- (5) When completing the Certificate for Animal Products for Human Consumption (NZ100), for meat products, casings and wild game meat, select the appropriate inspection attestation.
- (6) When completing the Certificate for Animal Products for Human Consumption (NZ100), for green runners, the following attestation should be selected:

"are green unprocessed runners suitable for further processing into casings."
- (7) When completing the Certificate for Deer pizzles, Testicles, Sinews, Tails, Velvet, (NZ101) select the appropriate deer derivation attestation. In the case of velvet it may be appropriate to select both wild and farmed deer.
- (8) When completing the certificate for Animal Products Not for Human Consumption (NZ200), for pet food and/or animal feed, the following attestation should be selected:
 - a) "were processed in accordance with New Zealand regulatory requirements for items intended for animal consumption"
 - b) One or both of the following attestations should also be selected:
 - i) "were derived from animals which have passed ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection at the time of slaughter"; or
 - ii) "are raw material suitable for processing into pet food and/or animal feed."

- (9) When completing the Certificate for Animal Products Not for Human Consumption (NZ200), for animal material and products not for animal consumption, the following attestation should be selected:
- “after treatment, were subject to precautions to prevent contamination prior to dispatch from the processing premises”
- (10) When completing the Certificate for Animal-Derived Biological Products (NZ201), the following attestations are optional and may be selected where applicable:
- a) “were derived from animals which passed ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection at the time of slaughter.” [This is to be used where animal materials are derived from animals that have been subjected to, and passed both ante and post-mortem inspection, for human consumption.]
 - b) “were derived from healthy animals” [This is to be used where animal materials such as blood are collected from animals which, at the time of collection, are free from clinical signs of infectious disease.]
- (11) Collection premises for donor animals should comply with the AWAC “Blood Harvested for Commercial and Research Purposes” and the Animal Ethics Committee approval and protocols.

Part 6: Exemptions and inclusions

6.1 Trade samples

- (1) The Director-General may approve exports of trade samples, and samples for research and development by non-registered exporters, on a case-by-case basis.
- (2) The consignment should meet the requirements of the foreign government for these types of animal products, and any conditions specified by the Director-General.

Verification of the details of the consignment including supervision of the processing operation may be necessary to support the official assurances. The non-registered exporter should seek confirmation from MPI that the product will be eligible for export certification before processing commences. Multiple approvals for non-registered exporters are unlikely.

All trade samples should comply with New Zealand law and be otherwise suitable for trade on the New Zealand domestic market in the same form in which they are intended to be exported.

6.2 Samples for scientific analysis

A person exporting a sample of animal material or animal product for a scientific or analytical examination is exempt from the requirement to register as an exporter under Part 5 of the Act in respect of that export if the person is not primarily in the business of sending samples for examination overseas for the purposes of trade or reward.

Operations not covered by a registered risk management programme and where animal material or animal product is processed for scientific material or other material not intended for human or animal consumption and for which an official assurance is required, see the Animal Products (Export Approved Premises) Notice 2006.

Part 7: Animal Material or animal products taken by travellers going abroad

7.1 Non-registered exporters

- (1) A traveller carrying animal material or products for later personal use or consumption are exempt from the requirements to be a registered exporter. However, the country of destination may impose a range of conditions on the entry of the product, including prohibition of imports.
- (2) Depending on the wish of the traveller and subject to any requirements of the country of destination, certification for personal exports can be in one of the following categories:
 - a) a number of countries allow travellers to carry small quantities of products if accompanied by proof of purchase and origin.
 - b) full product certification for all animal material and products.
 - c) no certification.
 - d) passenger pack certificates for meat and game products.
- (3) Sources of product for travellers are:
 - a) any product available on the domestic market;
 - b) any product available on the domestic market, in tamper-evident packaging, which displays the MPI inspection legend and standard commercial labelling, applied by premises operating registered risk management programmes (RMP premises).
 - c) product covered by a MPI issued export certificate.

Products covered by sub clauses (3) a) and b), can be purchased by travellers from domestic outlets and taken out of the country without further MPI participation. (However, MPI inspection legends cannot be applied at premises which are unregistered).

Product without tamper-evident packaging, the MPI inspection legend and commercial labelling may be rejected by some countries.

The option covered by sub clause (3)(c), refers to product which is still within the MPI supervised export system.

Some markets require a CITES (endangered species) exemption certificate for game. These are issued by the Department of Conservation.

7.2 Passenger pack health certificates

The passenger pack health certificate template is no longer available as there is no demand for them. If this situation changes an electronic certificate template will be created in E-cert. Contact your local VA office to take up with Head Office.

7.3 Premises operating registered Risk Management Programmes with tourist shops

- (1) This clause applies to tourist shops that are attached to an RMP premises, but which are not part of that risk management programme.

These tourist shops are used as temporary shops for tour parties. They provide travellers with tamper-evident packaging with standard commercial labelling, including the reduced size inspection legend. These can be used where the intended destinations of the travellers mean that the passenger pack veterinary export health certificates are not necessary.

- (2) The purpose of this clause is to provide a mechanism through which tourists can select animal materials and products, prior to packing and/or cutting, for non-commercial passenger pack exports to countries identified as not requiring an export certificate, but requiring tamper-evident packaging with standard commercial labelling, including the reduced size inspection legend.
- (3) Any product that enters the tourist shop is ineligible for commercial export status. Such product is no longer part of the normal commerce but is designated for tourist use only. It should not be returned to the RMP premises unless fully packaged and identified as non-commercial, or the normal commercial export product has been removed from the premises.
- (4) Exposed product may be sent from the RMP premises to the tourist shop, selected by the customer, then returned to the premises operating a registered risk management programme for cutting, wrapping and then packing.
- (5) Access for tourists to the shop should not be through the RMP premises.
- (6) The shop facilities should conform to the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations 1974.

7.4 Meat and game passenger packs

- (1) MPI do not regularly check the personal import requirements of foreign governments. Guidance of overseas country requirements/limits for meat and game passenger packs can be found at the "General requirements" section of the MPI, "Overseas Market Access Requirements (OMAR), Animal Products" web page.
- (2) These requirements are subject to change and variation in interpretation by the authorities. MPI cannot accept responsibility for errors in this information.

Part 8: Authorised persons designated to sign MPI export certificates

8.1 Procedure for the designation of authorised persons under Section 65 of the Animal Product Act 1999

- (1) This clause applies only to employees of the MPI Verification Services.

Section 65 of the Animal Products Act 1999 makes provision for the Director-General to designate persons employed by MPI as authorised persons who may issue official assurances for the export of animal material and products. Designation under section 64 of the Act is required for authorised persons to withdraw or re- issue these official assurances.

- (2) To be nominated for designation as an authorised person to issue official assurances on behalf of the Director-General under section 65 of the Act, and to withdraw and reissue official assurances under section 64 of the Act, the nominee should meet the following criteria:
- a) be employed by MPI.
 - b) have satisfactorily completed a MPI approved certification training programme.
 - c) be assessed for competence to certify by a Verification Services person with the requisite knowledge and skills to be able to make such an assessment. This assessment should include knowledge and application of:
 - i) certification systems; and
 - ii) certification ethics including the Code of Professional Conduct for Veterinarians, Part 2; and
 - iii) the current version of [the notice](#); and
 - iv) this programme.
- (3) A recommendation for designation should be sent to the Manager Appointments and Approvals by the Training Manager, Verification Services which includes a statement to the effect that the nominee has been judged to be competent to issue, reissue and withdraw official assurances on behalf of the Director- General.
- (4) The Verification Services should maintain an ongoing audit programme and skill maintenance programme that ensures that authorised persons retain the required level of competence to perform these statutory functions on behalf of the Director-General. The programme should be documented and consistent with good audit practice.
- (5) The nominated authorised person should not issue, re-issue or withdraw any official assurances for which they are to be designated, until their name is included on the Schedule (see clauses 8.2 and 8.3). This can be found on the MPI food safety website under “Lists/Registers”.
- (6) The designation of persons should become effective from the date of signing the “Instrument of Designation as an Authorised Person” and will expire when the person ceases to be employed by MPI; or when the designation is revoked by notice in writing; whichever occurs first.

8.2 Veterinary authorised persons designated to sign MPI export certificates

Authorised persons are reminded that authorisation from the Director-General is additionally required, on a case by case basis, for the re-issuing of official assurances where the foreign government has been involved. Refer to clauses 82(3), 87(2) and 87(3) of [the notice](#).

Under section 64 and 65 of the Act, those persons listed in the schedule “Veterinary authorised persons designated to sign MPI export certificates”, have been designated as authorised persons for the purposes of issuing, re-issuing and withdrawing the following official assurances approved for use under section 61 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

- a) MPI export certificates excluding:
 - i) live animals and
 - ii) cats and dogs to Australia and
 - iii) genetic material and
 - iv) fish.
- b) Notwithstanding the live animal exclusion in sub paragraph (a)(i), authorised persons listed in this clause may issue, re-issue and withdraw MPI export certificates for live animals to be used immediately for food.

8.3 Authorised persons designated to issue, re-issue and withdraw MPI fish export certificates.

Authorised persons are reminded that authorisation from the Director-General is additionally required, on a case by case basis, for the re-issuing of official assurances where the foreign government has been involved. Refer to clauses 82(3), 87(2) and 87(3) of [the notice](#).

- (1) Under section 64 and 65 of the Animal Products Act 1999, those persons listed in the schedule “Authorised persons designated to sign MPI fish export certificates”, have been designated as authorised persons for the purposes of issuing, re-issuing and withdrawing the following official assurances approved for use under section 61 of the Animal Products Act 1999:
 - a) MPI fish export certificates excluding:
 - i) live animals; and
 - ii) genetic material.
 - b) Notwithstanding the live animal exclusion in sub paragraph (a)(i), authorised persons listed in this clause may issue, re-issue and withdraw MPI export certificates for live fish to be used immediately for food.
- (2) A veterinarian from this list should issue, re-issue or withdraw the certificate where this is required by the certificate template or OMAR.

Provisions relating to export certification for live animals (other than live fish certified as food), and germplasm are specified under the [Animal Products \(Official Assurances Specifications\) Notice 2013](#).