



Animal Products Notice

Inspection of Imported and Returned Animal Material and Animal Products Intended for Re-export with Official Assurances

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This Animal Products Notice comes into force on [Effective Date]

REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces 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.

ISSUING AUTHORITY

This Animal Products Notice is issued under sections 60 and 167(ja) of the Animal Products Act 1999, having been satisfied that the setting of the requirements in the Notice is necessary to achieve the purposes specified under section 60(1)(a) and (c) of that Act.

Dated at Wellington this ... day of 2017.

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Introduction

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

Purpose

This Animal Products Notice is issued for the purposes of:

- a) facilitating access to overseas markets; and
- b) safeguarding assurances provided by New Zealand.

This Animal Products Notice seeks to achieve the above purposes by specifying requirements for confirming and ensuring the eligibility of imported and returned animal material and animal products before they are allowed to enter the official assurance chain.

Background

The requirements in this Notice cover the following two classes of animal material and animal products, and only to the extent that they are intended to be re-exported from New Zealand with official assurances:

- animal material and animal products imported from overseas countries (i.e. imported animal material and imported animal products); and
- animal material and animal products that were originally exported from New Zealand with official assurances but were subsequently returned (i.e. returned animal material and returned animal products).

The above classes of animal material and animal products were, at some point, handled or processed outside of New Zealand's regulatory system. As such, those animal material and animal products are generally not eligible for export with official assurances as eligibility is conditional upon processing being carried out only within premises operating under a risk management programme (RMP) registered under the Animal Products Act 1999. This ensures that animal material and animal products are only processed within premises that have been independently assessed and officially registered as having the appropriate capacity and capability to manage associated risks. This feature forms the basis of official assurances that the Government provides to overseas countries in relation to animal material and animal products exported from New Zealand.

This Notice provides a pathway for incorporating the above classes of animal material and animal products into New Zealand's official assurance chain so they could be eligible for export with official assurances. This pathway primarily involves confirmation of official assurance eligibility and fitness for purpose through inspection by official assurance verifiers.

Imported animal material and imported animal products

This Notice does not apply to imported animal material and imported animal products that are intended for domestic sale or for export without official assurances.

Nothing in this Notice affects any requirements under the Biosecurity Act 1993 or the Food Act 2014. Importers of animal material and animal products, whether intended for domestic sale or for export, are required to comply with existing requirements under the above-mentioned legislation.

Returned Animal Material and Animal Products

This Notice does not apply to returned animal material and returned animal products that are intended for domestic sale or for export without official assurances.

All returned animal material and returned animal products, whether intended for re-export or domestic sale, must also comply with the requirements of the Biosecurity Act 1993 or the Food Act 2014.

Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Any person to whom this Notice applies in accordance with clause 1.1 of this notice should read this Notice.

Why is this important?

Any failure to operate in accordance with this Notice will result in imported or returned animal material or animal products not being eligible for re-export with official assurances.

Operating other than in accordance with this Notice is an offence under section 135 of the Act and could result, on conviction, to a fine of up to \$100,000 for an offending body corporate or \$20,000 for an offending individual.

Document History

| Version Date | Section Changed | Change(s) Description |
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| 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 | Entire document (including the principal document and any associated amendments) is revoked and replaced | New Notice |

Other information

Once the requirements of this Notice are met, imported and returned animal material and animal products will be incorporated into the official assurance chain as follows:

- a) for dairy material and dairy products, the Animal Products Notice: Official Assurances Specifications for Dairy Material and Dairy Products applies; or
- b) for non-dairy animal material and non-dairy animal products, the Animal Products Notice: Official Assurances Specifications for Animal Material and Animal Products applies.

Part 1: Preliminary Requirements

1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to:
- a) imported animal material and imported animal products that are intended to be exported with an official assurance:
 - i) without undergoing any further processing (other than relabelling and repackaging); or
 - ii) after undergoing further processing; and
 - b) returned animal material and returned animal products that are intended to be re-exported with an official assurance:
 - i) without undergoing any further processing (other than relabelling and repackaging); or
 - ii) after undergoing further processing; and
 - c) exporters and operators who import animal material and animal products described under paragraphs (a) and (b); and
 - d) operators of premises who manage or process animal material and animal products described under paragraphs (a) and (b); and
 - e) exporters who re-export animal material and animal products described under paragraphs (a) and (b); and
 - f) official assurance verifiers.

1.2 Definitions

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

Act means the Animal Products Act 1999;

animal product and **animal material** have the same meaning as in the Act but does not include live animals and germplasm;

imported animal material means:

- a) animal material (including dairy material) that is imported from another country; and
- b) any animal material (including dairy material) of New Zealand origin that:
 - i) had been further processed in a foreign country and imported into New Zealand; or
 - ii) had been traded in a foreign country and imported into New Zealand; or
 - iii) had been stored outside New Zealand on a vessel or in a foreign country, whether under customs bond or not, for a period that is longer than that which is reasonably required for border clearance. (This period does not include any period when the animal material is held at the foreign port pending a decision by the foreign government or until a vessel or an aircraft can be arranged for transport out of the foreign port);

imported animal products means:

- a) animal products (including dairy products) that are imported from another country; and
- b) any animal products (including dairy products) of New Zealand origin that:
 - i) have been further processed in a foreign country and imported into New Zealand; or
 - ii) had been traded in a foreign country and imported into New Zealand; or
 - iii) had been stored outside New Zealand on a vessel or in a foreign country, whether under customs bond or not, for a period that is longer than that which is reasonably required for border clearance. (This period does not include any period when the animal products are

held at the foreign port pending a decision by the foreign government or until a vessel or an aircraft can be arranged for transport out of the foreign port);

animal product officer means a person appointed as an animal product officer under section 78 of the Act, and includes the Director-General;

Biosecurity Officer means an authorised person or an inspector appointed under section 103 of the Biosecurity Act 1993;

Customs Officer means a Customs Officer as defined in section 2(1) the Customs and Excise Act 1996;

export certificate means the form of official assurance for animal material and animal products as determined by the Director-General under section 62 of the Act;

exporter has the meaning given to it under the Act;

foreign government means the government of the country to which the animal material or animal products was previously exported from New Zealand;

inspection includes any investigation carried out by an official assurance verifier for under this Notice;

official assurance verifier means a person or agency recognised under any of sections 101 to 105 of the Act to undertake official assurance verification and includes an animal product officer; and verifier has a corresponding meaning;

official assurance verification means the process of an official assurance verifier confirming animal material or animal product complies with New Zealand law, including any relevant export requirements;

OMAR means overseas market access requirements issued under section 60 of Act;

operator has the meaning given to it under the Act;

returned animal material means animal material that was originally exported from New Zealand but was subsequently returned to New Zealand after failing to complete border clearance procedures within expected timeframes at the importing country for regulatory or non-regulatory reasons;

returned animal products means animal products that were originally exported from New Zealand but were subsequently returned to New Zealand after failing to complete border clearance procedures within expected timeframes at the importing country for regulatory or non-regulatory reasons;

RMP means a registered risk management programme under the Act;

RMP premises means a premises operating under an RMP, where animal material and animal products are processed;

statement of non-manipulation means a statement issued by the competent authority of the country where a consignment of returned animal material or animal products have been held, confirming that:

- a) the consignment is being returned in the same state it was received, notwithstanding, where applicable, necessary regulatory interventions or preservation actions carried out by or under the supervision of the competent authority, such as opening the container for inspection or transferring to a new container to maintain temperature control; and
- b) the consignment has been kept in a proper state of preservation under the control of the officials of the competent authority of the overseas country at all times;

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

Part 2: Requirements for imported animal material and imported animal products

2.1 Official assurance eligibility inspection of imported animal material and imported animal products by an official assurance verifier

- (1) Any exporter or operator who imports a consignment of imported animal material or imported animal products to which this Notice applies must ensure that the consignment undergoes an official assurance eligibility inspection by an official assurance verifier.
- (2) Official assurance eligibility inspection must be carried out:
 - a) no later than 72 hours after the consignment has been granted full clearance under the Biosecurity Act 1993; and
 - b) before the consignment is further processed or unpacked (other than devanning as part of Biosecurity or Customs inspection).
- (3) Where there is a delay in contravention with sub clause (2)(a), the official assurance verifier must not grant an official assurance eligibility inspection or clearance unless the verifier is satisfied that:
 - a) the issues which caused the delay were not reasonably foreseeable and were outside the exporter's or operator's control; and
 - b) the animal material and animal products:
 - i) were stored only at an RMP premises during the period of delay; and
 - ii) were not opened or further processed during the period of delay.
- (4) Subject to clause 2.3(2), the official assurance verifier who inspects the consignment must be the verifier who is responsible for providing official assurance verification to the RMP premises where the inspection is carried out.
- (5) The purpose of an official assurance eligibility inspection is to ensure that the consignment of imported animal material or imported animal products is fit for intended purpose, in the case of animal product intended for human or animal consumption and meets all applicable eligibility requirements for export with official assurances.
- (6) The word "processed" in sub clauses (2)(b) and (3)(b)(ii) does not include refrigeration or other means of preservation and storage necessary to ensure that the imported animal material or imported animal products can be held without deterioration while official assurance eligibility inspection arrangements are being made.
- (7) The exporter or the operator responsible for the imported animal material or imported animal products must take all reasonable steps to effectively facilitate the inspection required by this Notice.

2.2 Notification of imported animal material and imported animal products

- (1) For the purposes of inspection required under this Part, the exporter or the operator responsible for the imported animal material or imported animal products must notify the official assurance verifier of the following information, in the form notified by the Director-General:
 - a) the name and address of the exporter or operator; and
 - b) the exporter's ID or operator's RMP ID; and
 - c) the name, address and RMP ID of the premises where inspection will be carried out (if different from paragraphs (a) and (b)); and

- d) the relevant original or certified copy of the export certificate issued by the competent authority of the foreign government for the imported animal material or imported animal products; and
 - e) an outline of the intended use of the animal material or animal product, such as re-processing for export or re-export without further processing.
- (2) For the purpose of sub clause (1)(c), the following officials may certify copies of the original export certificate or official assurance:
- a) an animal product officer; or
 - b) a Biosecurity Officer; or
 - c) a Customs Officer.

Guidance

- Operators should be aware that all imported animal material and imported animal products that are food are required to comply with relevant standards in the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.
- For the purposes of inspection under this Notice, operators should be particularly aware of the requirements in Part 1.2 of the Code relating to labelling (e.g. name of food, lot identification, name and address of supplier, labels to be in English and legible etc).

2.3 Place of inspection

- (1) Subject to sub clause (2), official assurance eligibility inspection of imported animal material or imported animal products must be carried out at:
- a) the first RMP premises that receives the animal material or animal products; or
 - b) any other RMP premises, if the inspection cannot be done at the first RMP premises, provided:
 - i) the consignment is not opened or further processed at the first RMP premises; and
 - ii) the consignment is transferred from the first RMP premises to the other RMP premises without delay.
- (2) An official assurance eligibility inspection may be carried out at a Biosecurity transitional facility that does not operate under an RMP provided:
- a) the transitional facility was the same facility where Biosecurity inspection was carried out; and
 - b) in the opinion of the official assurance verifier, or the animal product officer (if sub clause (3) applies), the condition of the transitional facility does not pose any risk to the fitness for intended purpose of the animal material or animal products; and
 - c) the animal material or animal products are transferred to an RMP premises no later than 24 hours after official assurance eligibility inspection is completed.
- (3) An official assurance eligibility inspection under sub clause (2) may be carried out by a Biosecurity Officer who is also a warranted animal product officer.

Guidance

- Animal material or animal products are not allowed to be stored at a non-RMP premises, hence why those animal material and animal products that were inspected at a non-RMP Biosecurity transitional facility are required to be transferred to an RMP premises without delay.

2.4 Scope of inspection

- (1) Official assurance eligibility inspection of imported animal material and imported animal products must, in all cases, include all of the following checks by the official assurance verifier:

- a) a check of the information and documents required by clause 2.2; and
 - b) subject to clause 2.5, a product reconciliation check whereby the details in the accompanying export certificate or official assurance are validated by checking for product quantity and labelling correlation.
- (2) An official assurance verifier may fully inspect any given consignment of imported animal material or imported animal products in addition to sub clause (1) (i.e. examining each individual unit within a consignment along with the package in which they are contained) if:
- a) the official assurance verifier reasonably believes that product tampering or manipulation may have occurred; or
 - b) required by the OMAR of the intended country of re-export.
- (3) Where a consignment of imported animal material or imported animal products is devanned during an inspection by a Biosecurity Officer or a Customs Officer, such animal material or animal products remain eligible for official assurance eligibility inspection provided:
- a) the devanning and resealing of the container or packaging is confirmed in the relevant Biosecurity or Customs clearance documentation; and
 - b) the animal material or animal products is immediately transferred to an RMP premises without delay; and
 - c) the animal material or animal products have not been further processed at the devanning site.
- (4) The word “processed” in sub clause (3)(c) does not include refrigeration or other means of preservation and storage necessary to ensure that the animal material or animal products can be held without deterioration.

Guidance

- Devanning is a process in which a landed container is unsealed and all its contents taken out as part of Biosecurity or Customs inspection and clearance processes.

2.5 Reduced frequency of product reconciliation check may be allowed

- (1) An exporter or RMP operator who imports animal material and animal products at regular intervals may apply to their official assurance verifier for reduced frequency of product reconciliation check for their imported consignments if they only import animal material and animal products that are of the same type, from the same supplier in the same country.
- (2) The official assurance verifier may reduce frequency of product reconciliation check for consignments of imported animal material and imported animal products if satisfied that the reduction will not jeopardise the integrity of the official assurance system.
- (3) The term “regular intervals” in sub clause (1) means:
 - a) at least once a month; or
 - b) any other interval which, in the opinion of the official assurance verifier, does not invalidate the assumption that the present quality is acceptable because the record of the recent past has been acceptable, and that all factors which are likely to affect the quality of the product have remained consistent.
- (4) Where the official assurance verifier agrees to reduce, the frequency of product reconciliation check, the verifier must do as follows:
 - a) where all animal material and animal products in 5 consecutive import transactions have been subjected to normal inspection and all have been accepted on original inspection, the rate of physical inspection may be reduced to 20% or one in five imports; and

- b) where all animal material and animal products in another 5 import transactions have been subjected to physical inspection within the 20% reduction threshold and all have been accepted, the rate of physical inspection may be reduced to 10 % or one in ten imports.
- (5) The reduced frequency of product reconciliation check must be no less than 10% or one in ten imports.

2.6 Revocation of reduced frequency of product reconciliation check

- (1) A reduced frequency of product reconciliation check granted to an exporter or RMP operator under clause 2.5 must cease if one of the following conditions occur:
- a) one lot is not accepted; or
 - b) the importation no longer occurs at regular intervals as defined in clause 2.5(2); or
 - c) the exporter or RMP operator imports animal material and animal products that are not of the same type, or from a different supplier, or from a different country; or
 - d) other events occur which are likely to invalidate the *regular intervals* condition such as a change of processing methods.
- (2) Where a reduced frequency of inspection arrangement has ceased, the rate of inspection must revert to 100% and the arrangement may only be re-instated if all of the criteria in clause 2.5(1) are met.
- (3) If, during a routine performance based verification the operator's import inspection plan is deemed to be unacceptable, any existing reduced frequency of inspection arrangement under this part concerning that operator must cease, and may only be re-instated if the appropriate corrective actions have been undertaken by the operator.

Guidance

To clarify sub clause (1)(a), a lot that is not accepted does not include where an operator (importer) makes a determination that the imported animal material or animal products are ineligible for export or are not fit for intended purpose, or they are uncertain and consult with their official assurance verifier or an animal product officer prior to making a determination.

2.7 Criteria for official assurance eligibility clearance

- (1) At the conclusion of an inspection, the official assurance verifier may grant an official assurance eligibility clearance in full or in part on such conditions as may be specified, if satisfied that the consignment is fit for intended purpose and meets all applicable export eligibility requirements for the time being in force.

2.8 RMP premises to have an official assurance eligibility inspection plan

- (1) All RMP premises where imported animal material and imported animal products are inspected must have an inspection plan that:
- a) outlines how the requirements of this Notice are to be met; and
 - b) ensures that imported animal material and imported animal products are clearly distinguishable from eligible animal materials and animal products of New Zealand origin prior to inspection.

Guidance

- A premises' official assurance eligibility inspection plan, along with other requirements of this Notice, are subject to the verification requirement of the Animal Products Notice: Export Verification Requirements.

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Part 3: Requirements for returned animal material and returned animal products

3.1 Official assurance eligibility inspection of returned animal material and returned animal products by an official assurance verifier

- (1) Any exporter or operator who is bringing back a consignment of returned animal material or returned animal products to which this Notice applies must ensure that the consignment undergoes an official assurance eligibility inspection by an official assurance verifier.
- (2) Official assurance eligibility inspection must be carried out:
 - a) no later than 72 hours after the consignment has been granted full clearance under the Biosecurity Act 1993; and
 - b) before the consignment is further processed or unpacked (other than devanning as part of Biosecurity or Customs inspection).
- (3) Where there is a delay in contravention with sub clause (2)(a), the official assurance verifier must not grant an official assurance eligibility inspection or clearance unless the verifier is satisfied that:
 - a) the issues which caused the delay were not reasonably foreseeable and were outside the exporter's or operator's control; and
 - b) the animal material and animal products:
 - i) were stored only at an RMP premises during the period of delay; and
 - ii) were not opened or further processed during the period of delay.
- (4) Subject to clause 3.3(2), the official assurance verifier who inspects the consignment must be the verifier who is responsible for providing official assurance verification to the RMP premises where the inspection is carried out.
- (5) The purpose of an official assurance eligibility inspection is to ensure that the consignment of returned animal material or returned animal products remain fit for intended purpose, in the case of animal products intended for human or animal consumption and has not lost its eligibility to be exported with an official assurance since being originally exported from New Zealand.
- (6) The word "processed" in sub clauses (2)(b) and (3)(b)(ii) does not include refrigeration or other means of preservation and storage necessary to ensure that the imported animal material or imported animal products can be held without deterioration while official assurance eligibility inspection arrangements are being made.
- (7) The exporter or the operator responsible for the returned animal material or returned animal products must take all reasonable steps to effectively facilitate the inspection required by this Notice.

3.2 Notification of returned animal material and returned animal products

- (1) For the purposes of inspection required under this Part, the exporter or the operator responsible for the returned animal material or returned animal products must notify the official assurance verifier of the following information, in the form notified by the Director-General:
 - a) the name and address of the exporter or operator; and
 - b) the exporter's ID or operator's RMP ID; and

- c) the name, address and RMP ID of the premises where inspection will be carried out (if different from paragraphs (a) and (b)); and
- d) the original MPI export certificate covering the original export from New Zealand, or a copy or shoulder number of that certificate if the original is not available for documented reasons; and
- e) where the consignment was originally exported with an exemption under section 60B of the Act, a declaration of that fact and what the exemption was; and
- f) a statement of non-manipulation; and
- g) a description of the returned animal material and animal products; and
- h) a summary of why the animal material or animal products are being returned to New Zealand; and
- i) a description of the journey taken by the animal material or animal products since leaving New Zealand including ports of call, transit, discharge and inspection; and
- j) an explanation of any discrepancies associated with the animal material or animal products since it was originally exported from New Zealand, such as missing MPI container seals or changed shipping containers; and
- k) copies of bills of lading from the original export from New Zealand; and
- l) an outline of the intended use of the animal material or animal product, such as re-processing for export or re-export without further processing.

3.3 Place of inspection

- (1) Subject to sub clause (3) official assurance eligibility inspection of returned animal material and returned animal products must be carried out at:
 - a) the first RMP premises that receives the animal material or animal products; or
 - b) any other RMP premises, if the inspection cannot be done at the first RMP premises that receives the animal material or animal products due to documented extenuating circumstances that are deemed justifiable by the verifier.
- (2) An official assurance eligibility inspection may be carried out at a Biosecurity transitional facility that does not operate under an RMP provided that:
 - a) the transitional facility was the same facility where Biosecurity inspection was carried out; and
 - b) in the opinion of the official assurance verifier, or the animal product officer (where sub clause (3) applies), the condition of the transitional facility does not pose any risk to the fitness for intended purpose of the animal material or animal products; and
 - c) the animal material or animal products are transferred to an RMP premises no later than 24 hours after official assurance eligibility inspection is completed.
- (3) An official assurance eligibility inspection under sub clause (2) may be carried out by a Biosecurity Officer who is also a warranted animal product officer.

3.4 Scope of inspection

- (1) Official assurance eligibility inspection of returned animal material and returned animal products must, in all cases, include the following checks by the official assurance verifier:
 - a) a check of the documents notified under clause 3.2; and
 - b) subject to sub clause (2), a product reconciliation check whereby the details in the original MPI export certificate are validated by checking for product quantity and labelling correlation.
- (2) The official assurance verifier may choose not to conduct a product reconciliation check if one is not required by the OMAR of the country to which the products are to be re-exported and:
 - a) the animal material and animal products have been returned in its original shipping container with the original container seal still fully intact; and

- b) the animal material and animal products were only subject to product reconciliation check under the Biosecurity Act 1993 and cleared with any resulting change to product packaging or shipping container seal documented in the relevant Biosecurity clearance documentation.
- (3) To avoid doubt nothing in sub clause (1) or (2) prevents an official assurance verifier from conducting a full inspection of any consignment of returned animal material or returned animal products (i.e. examining each individual unit within a consignment along with the package in which they are contained) if:
 - a) the official assurance verifier reasonably believes that tampering or product manipulation may have occurred; or
 - b) required by the OMAR of the intended country of re-export.
- (4) Where a consignment of returned animal material or returned animal products is devanned during an inspection by a Biosecurity Officer or a Customs Officer, such animal material or animal products remain eligible for official assurance eligibility inspection provided:
 - a) the devanning and resealing of the shipping container or packaging is documented in the relevant Biosecurity or Customs clearance documentation; and
 - b) the animal material or animal products is immediately transferred to an RMP premises without delay; and
 - c) the animal material or animal products have not been further processed at the devanning site.
- (5) The word “processed” in sub clause (4)(c) does not include refrigeration or other means of preservation and storage necessary to ensure that the animal material or animal products can be held without deterioration.

Guidance

- Devanning is a process in which a landed shipping container is unsealed and all its contents taken out as part of Biosecurity or Customs inspection and clearance processes.

3.5 Criteria for official assurance eligibility clearance

- (1) At the conclusion of an inspection, the official assurance verifier may grant an official assurance eligibility clearance in full or in part on such conditions as may be specified, if satisfied that the consignment is fit for intended purpose and meets all applicable export eligibility requirements for the time being in force.
- (2) To avoid doubt, the following classes of returned animal material or returned animal products are not eligible for official assurance eligibility inspection and clearance:
 - a) returned animal material or returned animal products that have been further manufactured, processed or repackaged outside of New Zealand while being transported from or back to New Zealand, and regardless of any treatment that may have been carried out under the Biosecurity Act 1993 as a condition for re-entry into New Zealand; and
 - b) returned animal material or returned animal products that were originally exported from New Zealand without an official assurance.

3.6 Returned animal material and returned animal products that were originally exported with exemption under section 60B of the Act

- (1) An official assurance verifier may only grant an official assurance eligibility clearance for returned animal material and returned animal products that were originally exported with an official assurance and with an exemption issued under section 60B of the Act if:

- a) the exemption relates to labelling requirements only and the animal material or animal products are relabelled correctly for the new destination country; or
 - b) the exemption relates to compositional requirements and the animal material or animal products are reprocessed to meet any relevant standards and specifications for the time being in force.
- (2) Despite sub clause (1) the animal material or animal products may be re-exported without further processing or relabelling to the original destination country, where such re-export is permitted by that country.

Guidance

- All animal products that are to be traded in New Zealand are required by law to meet all domestic standards. Therefore, since a section 60B exemption exempts exported animal material and animal products from meeting certain domestic standards, such animal material and animal products are not eligible for domestic sale or use unless they are reprocessed or relabelled (as the case may be) to fully meet all domestic standards.

3.7 RMP premises to have an official assurance eligibility inspection plan

- (1) All RMP premises where returned animal material and returned animal products are inspected must have an inspection plan that:
- a) outlines how the requirements of this Notice are to be met; and
 - b) ensures that returned animal material and returned animal products are clearly distinguishable from eligible animal materials and animal products prior to inspection.

Guidance

- A premises' official assurance eligibility inspection plan, along with other requirements of this Notice, are subject to the verification requirement of the Animal Products Notice: Export Verification Requirements.