



## **Approval**

for the

## **Code of Practice for Cold and Dry Stores**

I Judy Barker, Assistant Director (Production and Processing), approve the Code of Practice for Cold and Dry Stores (which includes the Risk Management Programme Template) dated December 2006 in its entirety, in accordance with section 12 (3A) of the Animal Products Act 1999, for the purpose of making the determination that the Code of Practice for Cold and Dry Stores is valid and appropriate for the businesses of the kind described in the Statement of Application.

## **Statement of Application**

The application of the Code of Practice for Cold and Dry Stores is limited to businesses of the kind that are stand alone cold stores and dry stores whose primary operation involves the refrigerated or ambient storage of animal products, including dairy.

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Without limiting the application, the following processes are covered:-

- Freezing of chilled products
- Refrigerated storage (chilled or frozen)
- Dry storage (storage under ambient conditions)
- Transport of dairy material and products where this is undertaken by the store operator

Signed at Wellington this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2006.

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# 1 Background

1. Despite the general requirement that a risk management programme is tailored to the individual business concerned, section 12(3A) of the Animal Products Act (the Act) allows for a risk management programme for a particular business, or part of a business, to be based on a template, a model, or a code of practice, if in the view of the Director-General the template, model, or code of practice is valid and appropriate for businesses of that kind.
2. The NZFSA has published the Animal Products Act 1999 — Approval of Templates, Models, Codes of Practice Statement of Policy to clarify the application of section 12(3A) of the Act and provide the procedural arrangements for assessing and approving a template, model, or code of practice.
3. The NZFSA has developed a code of practice (which includes a risk management programme template) for storage referred to as the 'Code of Practice for Cold and Dry Stores'. The version approved is dated December 2006.

# 2 Justification

1. The following aspects have been considered in making this approval:—
  - a. the Code of Practice for Cold and Dry Stores incorporation of regulatory requirements that are applicable for the kind of businesses concerned;
  - b. the Code of Practice for Cold and Dry Stores incorporation of Good Operating Practice, the application of HACCP principles and other RMP components that are appropriate for the kind of businesses concerned;
  - c. the Code of Practice for Cold and Dry Stores appropriate identification of regulatory requirements distinct from strongly recommended practice distinct from helpful information, and as relevant, an indication of what this distinction means in terms of application to a business; and
  - d. the Code of Practice for Cold and Dry Stores is practical and achievable for the kind of businesses concerned.

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2. The Code of Practice for Cold and Dry Stores meets criteria (a), (b) and (d). Of note, the Code of Practice for Cold and Dry Stores was developed in conjunction with a working group of industry representatives. Feedback received from this group and from other consultation processes, such as an industry conference, was incorporated into the Code of Practice for Cold and Dry Stores of Animal Products (including Dairy).
3. In regard to the identification of regulatory requirements, recommended practice and guidance material, it is noted that the Code of Practice for Cold and Dry Stores has clearly identified the regulatory requirements in each section or attachment, however allowances for specific businesses to tailor relevant parts of the Code of Practice for Cold and Dry Stores to their particular operation are clearly identified and as such it is considered that the business application is clear.

### 3 Disclaimer

1. Considerable effort has been made to ensure that the information provided in the Code of Practice for Cold and Dry Stores is accurate, up to date, and otherwise adequate in all respects. Nevertheless, this Code of Practice is approved STRICTLY on the basis that the Crown, the New Zealand Food Safety Authority, its statutory officers, employees, agents, and all other persons involved with the writing, editing, approval or publication of, or any other kind of work in connection with the Code of Practice for Cold and Dry Stores:
  - a. disclaim any and all responsibility for any inaccuracy, error, omission, or any other kind of inadequacy, deficiency, or flaw in, or in relation to, the Code of Practice for Cold and Dry Stores; and
  - b. without limiting a) above, fully exclude any and all liability of any kind, on the part of any and all of them, to any person or entity that applies the Code of Practice for Cold and Dry Stores of Animal Products (including Dairy).

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