



## New Zealand Bovine Colostrum Fast Facts

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is responsible for ensuring that the food New Zealand produces, imports and exports is **safe and suitable** for domestic and international consumers. This is a responsibility we take seriously.

### New Zealand Bovine Colostrum has a History of Use

- Many different colostrum products aimed at adults are available for purchase in New Zealand, and have been for over a decade.
- A number of New Zealand colostrum products have been exported with Official Assurances since at least the year 2000.

### Supporting the Quality and Integrity of New Zealand Official Assurances

- MPI regulates the production and processing of colostrum in New Zealand under the Animal Products Act 1999 (APA), which requires that risks to human health are minimised and managed to ensure all traded animal products are fit for their intended purpose.
- Legislation defines colostrum, which is also referred to as specialty milk.
  - *specialty milk* means milk of unusual composition, whether natural or otherwise, that is intended for a special purpose.
- Legislation sets product safety limits as well as specifying certain processing and hygiene requirements.
- New Zealand processors of colostrum for export are required to operate under a registered and independently verified risk management programme.
- In addition, New Zealand exporters of colostrum products are required to register with MPI
- Compliance with the regulatory requirements is regularly monitored and enforced by MPI.

Further information is available in the New Zealand [Bovine Colostrum Factsheet](#)