



APPROVAL
FOR THE
RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME TEMPLATE FOR DUAL
OPERATOR BUTCHERS

I Tony Zohrab, Director (Animal Products), approve the Risk Management Programme Template for Dual Operator Butchers dated January 2005 in its entirety, in accordance with section 12 (3A) of the Animal Products Act, for the purpose of making the determination that the Risk Management Programme Template for Dual Operator Butchers is valid and appropriate for the businesses of the kind described in the Statement of Application.

Statement of Application

The application of the Risk Management Programme Template for Dual Operator Butchers is limited to the regulated animal products of businesses of the kind that are dual operator butchers as defined in section 4 of the Animal Products Act.

Signed at Wellington this day of February 2005.

Tony Zohrab
Director (Animal Products)
New Zealand Food Safety Authority

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 risk management programme template for dual operator butchers referred to as the 'Risk Management Programme Template for Dual Operator Butchers'. The version approved is dated January 2005. This template is applicable to all dual operator butchers irrespective of their treatment under the transitional arrangements for having a risk management programme registered.

2. Justification

- (1) The following aspects have been considered in making this approval:—
 - (a) the Risk Management Programme Template for Dual Operator Butchers' incorporation of regulatory requirements that are applicable for the kind of businesses concerned;
 - (b) the Risk Management Programme Template for Dual Operator Butchers' 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 Risk Management Programme Template for Dual Operator Butchers' 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 Risk Management Programme Template for Dual Operator Butchers' practical and achievable for the kind of businesses concerned.
- (2) The Risk Management Programme Template for Dual Operator Butchers meets criteria (a), (b) and (d). Of note, the Risk Management Programme Template for Dual Operator Butchers was trialed by a number of dual operator butchers. Feedback received from this trial and from other consultation processes, such as working group meetings with industry representatives and industry conferences, was incorporated into the Risk Management Programme Template for Dual Operator Butchers.
- (3) In regard to the identification of regulatory requirements, recommended practice and guidance material, it is noted that the Risk Management Programme Template for Dual Operator Butchers has clearly identified the regulatory requirements in each section or attachment. The corresponding mandatory procedural requirements have been "pre-ticked", however allowances for specific businesses to tailor relevant parts of the Risk Management Programme Template for Dual Operator Butchers 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 Risk Management Programme Template for Dual Operator Butchers is accurate, up to date, and otherwise adequate in all respects. Nevertheless, this Template 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 Risk Management Programme Template for Dual Operator Butchers:
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