



Memorandum

Ref: Homekill and recreational catch

To: Listed Homekill and Recreational Catch Service Providers
Unregulated Meat Working Group

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Subject: **REVISED HOMEKILL AND RECREATIONAL CATCH SERVICE PROVIDER RECORDS AND OTHER INFORMATION ANIMAL PRODUCTS NOTICE**

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has issued a new notice specifying the records and other information that must be kept by homekill and recreational catch service providers to demonstrate that all animal material and product is accounted for and will revoke the Animal Product (Homekill and Recreational Catch Service Provider Records and Information) Specifications that had been in place since July 2000.

Homekill and recreational catch service providers who were listed by MPI at the time of the consultation were sent a letter to explain the proposed changes and were provided with a copy of the draft Notice for comment. These documents were also posted on the MPI website. Following the six week consultation period, 8 submissions were received. These submissions were analysed and the Notice redrafted as appropriate.

If you would like to view the submissions received and MPI's responses, please go to:
<http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/consultation/>

The Notice has now been finalised and comes into force on **1 May 2015**. By this date service providers must have reviewed their records to ensure that the information required by the new Notice is kept. This includes:

- details of the animal owner, the animal(s) to be processed and a description of the services provided (this may be killing, or processing or both)
- the disposition of the resulting animal product (including what has happened to the hides/skins and waste such as offal or bone)
- a record to confirm that the person presenting the animal had been actively engaged in the day to day maintenance of the animal (or animals of the same kind) for at least 28 days prior to the killing of the animal.

Service providers must also have a system to identify and distinguish each animal owner's product. All records must be kept for 4 years.

Most of these requirements are not new and service providers should already have systems for recording and managing animal material and products.

To view the new Notice on the MPI website, please go to: <http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/> and search on 'homekill'.

Audits of the Homekill and Recreational Catch Service Provider Sector

MPI periodically undertake audits of the homekill and recreational catch service provider sector to review their compliance with the legal requirements in the APA and this Notice. In the past MPI has taken an educational approach where records have been absent or incomplete. However in future, enforcement action may be taken where service providers are failing to comply with their legal obligations.

Some background

All homekill and recreational catch must be returned to the animal owner and no homekill or recreational catch, including offal may be traded for human or animal consumption or used in products that are traded. Only animal parts that are not intended for human or animal consumption (e.g. hides, skin or antlers), or parts that are sent for rendering (e.g. offal, fat, bones) may be traded. Records of animals that are processed are essential to ensure that homekill or recreational catch is not traded for consumption or mingled with export product and to allow for tracing of the animal material or product if there were to be a major disease outbreak.

Guide for Homekill and Recreational Catch

Over the coming months MPI intends to update the "Guide for Homekill and Recreational Catch" and will include sample record forms in the revised guide. The updated guide will be posted on the MPI website and copies will be sent out to listed service providers. It is strongly recommended that service providers check their contact details (including their email address) provided to MPI, as this is a vital communications channel. Service providers can view your details at the following website link: <http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/registers-lists/service-providers/index.htm>

Yours sincerely

[Signed]

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