4 December 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

**Consultation on proposed new Animal Products Notice:**

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) proposes to amend the Animal Products Notice: Specifications for National Microbiological Database Programme.

The Notice specifies the procedures and requirements for the recognition of agencies and persons.

The proposed amendments are intended to provide:

1. minor changes to include supporting detail; and
2. editorial corrections in the Notice; and

MPI will be reviewing other areas related to this Notice in 2018 and will consult on any proposed amendments in due course.

**Next steps**

You are invited to comment on the proposed Animal Products Notice: Specifications for National Microbiological Database Programme by 5pm Friday 12 January 2018.

Submitters should include the following information with their submission:

* the name and title of the submitter;
* company name, where applicable;
* address and contact details (phone, fax and e-mail, if available);
* the section title or clause being commented on where appropriate;
* comment describing the issue with the current clause; and
* the proposed amendment (optional).

A template has been provided to assist you in completing your submission. This will help in the analysis of submissions.

Submissions should be addressed to:

NMD Consultation

Chemical & Microbiological Assurances

Ministry for Primary Industries

PO Box 2526

Wellington 6140; or

Email: nmd@mpi.govt.nz

A summary of responses will be made available in due course.

All submissions are subject to the Official Information Act 1982. Therefore if you consider that all or part of your submission is commercially sensitive or should be treated as confidential, please state this clearly when making your submission and indicate which of the grounds within the Official Information Act for withholding information you believe applies. MPI will take your request into account when determining whether or not to release information. Please note that any decision by MPI to withhold information is able to be reviewed by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

Gail Duncan

Specialist Adviser

**Submissions Template: Proposed amendments to the:**

**Animal Products Notice: Specifications for National Microbiological Database Programme**

Please use this table for making your comments for this review.

Name and title:

Organisation’s name (if applicable):

Address and contact details (e.g. phone, fax and email):

1. Please identify which Part(s) and Clause(s) or Subclause(s) your comment(s) relates to.
2. Use a separate row(s) for each individual comment relating to a different clause.

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Please submit to nmd@mpi.govt.nz by 5pm Friday 12 January 2018.