



Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines (Exemptions and Prohibited Substances) 2011 Regulations: Proposed Amendments

Portfolio Food Safety

On 19 June 2019, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines (Exemptions and Prohibited Substances) Regulations 2011 (the Regulations) set out conditions that must be satisfied if products are to be manufactured, sold and used in New Zealand without registration under the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Act 1997;
- 2 **noted** that amendments to the Regulations are proposed to clarify regulatory requirements, provide for more exempt product groups based on their low risk profile, and reduce costs for businesses;
- 3 **noted** that:
 - 3.1 on 2 August 2017, the previous government agreed to the release of a consultation document on proposed changes to the Regulations [EGI-17-MIN-0199];
 - 3.2 no concerns were raised in the submissions on the consultation document;
- 4 **agreed** to add six new exemption groups for compounds that have been assessed as having a low risk profile not requiring their registration, as outlined in the submission under DEV-19-SUB-0169;
- 5 **agreed** that the Regulations be amended to:
 - 5.1 delete Schedule 3: plants not to be included in oral and topical preparations, and any reference to it;
 - 5.2 remove reference to substances generally recognised as safe in Schedule 2;
 - 5.3 consolidate topical veterinary preparations into a single entry with a common set of conditions;
 - 5.4 extend the labelling information requirements for animal preparations to other exemption groups that relate to animal preparations, to provide a consistent approach;
 - 5.5 remove references to non-medicated in exemption groups;

- 5.6 amend exemption groups dealing with topically applied preparations to state that the compound must not be used on the udders and teats of animals whose milk is being collected for human consumption;
- 5.7 consolidate compounds used for protecting plants from climatological conditions into a single group;
- 6 **agreed** to amend specific exemption groups and conditions to better align with re-assessed risk profiles, delete redundant provisions, and provide better clarity for the exemption groups, as outlined in the paper under DEV-19-SUB-0169;
- 7 **agreed** to amend regulation 10 to ensure that the compounding veterinarian must be satisfied that the documented system is suitable and fit for purpose;
- 8 **agreed** to amend regulation 12 to clarify when labelling of exempt compounded veterinary preparations is not required, such as where a veterinarian who has compounded a vet product administers it themselves;
- 9 **agreed** to the release of an exposure draft of the amended Regulations to the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Advisory Council;
- 10 **invited** the Minister for Food Safety to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Council Office to implement the above policy decisions;
- 11 **authorised** the Minister for Food Safety to make final decisions on minor and technical issues, and to make changes consistent with the policy intent described in the paper under DEV-19-SUB-0169, on any issues that arise during the drafting process.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon David Parker
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Julie Anne Genter
Hon Eugenie Sage

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