



Memorandum

Ref: Homekill and recreational catch

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

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Subject: **AMENDMENT TO THE ANIMAL PRODUCT (HOMEKILL AND RECREATIONAL CATCH SERVICE PROVIDER RECORDS AND INFORMATION) SPECIFICATIONS**

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is proposing to amend the Animal Product (Homekill and Recreational Catch Service Provider Records and Information) Specifications. This Notice specifies the records and other information that must be kept by homekill and recreational catch service providers to demonstrate that all animal material is accounted for.

Records of animals that are processed and the destination of the resulting product is essential to allow the tracing of animal material if there was to be a major disease outbreak, and to ensure that homekill or recreational catch is not traded for consumption.

The Notice is to be amended to clarify requirements in relation to:

- details of the animal owner and the animal to be processed
- the disposition of the resulting product
- the requirement for written evidence of farmed animal ownership (or animals of the same kind) for at least 28 days prior to the killing of the animal, in accordance with section 67 of the Animal Products Act.

Any unnecessary records in the current requirements are also to be deleted.

The law requires that 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 for human or animal consumption. For example, offal cannot be kept by you as a service provider and made into pet food or dog rolls for sale. Only 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 or bones) may be traded. Records are essential to demonstrate that this has occurred.

To use a homekill and recreational catch service provider an animal owner must have been actively engaged in the day to day maintenance of the farmed animal to be homekilled (or animals for the same kind) for at least 28 days immediately before its killing. Animals of the same kind applies where a farmer, for example, owns cattle but wants to have a sheep killed, or where a dairy farmer wants to have a cattle beast killed. The 28 day rule requires that the animal owner maintains the animal on a property that the animal owner owns, leases or has a legal right to occupy. This therefore does not allow a person to purchase an animal and leave it on the originating farm to be looked after by the farmer for 28 days prior to having it killed by a service provider.

A copy of the draft Notice is enclosed with this letter. We encourage you to review the contents of the draft Notice and make a submission where appropriate.

For a copy of the current the Animal Product (Homekill and Recreational Catch Service Provider Records and Information) Specifications and other information about homekill, please go to the following website: <http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/> and search on "homekill".

It is proposed that the amended Notice will come into effect 2 months after the date of issue. If you have any concerns around this transition period please note this with your reasons in your submission.

Next steps

You are invited to make a submission on the draft Notice by 5pm on Friday 29 August 2014.

Please include the following information with your submission:

- your name and service provider ID (where applicable);
- company name (where applicable);
- address and contact details (phone, fax and e-mail, if available);
- name and title of the clause being commented on where appropriate.

Submissions should be addressed to:

Lisa Olsen, Specialist Adviser (Food Processing)
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MPI will analyse the submissions and amend the Notice as appropriate based on this analysis. The Notice will then be posted on the MPI website and a hard copy will be provided to each listed service provider using the address you have provided to MPI on your listing application form.

RELEASE OF SUBMISSIONS

All submissions are subject to the Official Information Act 1982. MPI expects to release all submissions. 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

[Signed]

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