



6 May 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed amendment to the Animal Products (Specifications for Products Intended for Animal Consumption) Notice 2006

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has proposed changes to improve and update the requirements relating to petfood. The review was carried out as a result of the feedback that the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) received from stakeholders and the New Zealand Petfood Manufacturers Association (NZPFMA). The proposed amendments for your consideration include:

- including wild goats and deer as a source of petfood;
- change the requirements for keeping a wild possums head attached for transport;
- extending the 30 day landowner declaration to 3 months; and
- removing the requirement for poison use statements for farmed mammals.

Additionally MPI is consulting on a renewal system and charges for the further petfood processors listing process.

It is proposed that there will be no transition period and all suppliers and operators will be required to meet the new requirements once the Notice is issued. If stakeholders have any concerns around the transition period this should be noted in their submission.

For more detail

The proposed changes are described in the accompanying document 'Summary of amendments to the new draft Animal Consumption Specifications Notice May 2014'.

Next steps

You are invited to comment on these proposals by 20 June 2014.

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);
- name and title of the clause being commented on where appropriate.

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:
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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

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**Template for Comments on the proposed
Animal Products (Specifications for Products Intended for Animal Consumption) Notice 2014**

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.

Points MPI would like feedback on		
1.	Further petfood processors listing changes that include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • re-applying for listing every two years; and • the introduction of cost recovery fees in 2016. Refer to Part 9.	
2.	There is no transition period suggested for implementing this new notice. If stakeholders have any concerns around having no transition period or have a preference for a transition period please note this here.	
3.	Removing the requirement for the poison use statement for farmed mammals, armed ostriches and farmed emus.	

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Please submit to janice.attrill2@mpi.govt.nz by 5pm Friday 20 June 2014.