



## Memorandum

To: Risk management programme operators  
Recognised evaluators and verifiers  
Certified suppliers and Certified Game Estate Suppliers  
Listed game estate operators

AsureQuality Limited  
Bee Products Standards Council  
Deer Industry New Zealand  
Federated Farmers of New Zealand  
Game Estate Association  
Meat Industry Association of New Zealand  
National Beekeepers Association  
New Zealand Cold Store Association  
New Zealand Pork Industry Board  
New Zealand Renderers Group  
OPSRi New Zealand  
Poultry Industry Association of New Zealand/Egg producers Federation  
Retail Meat NZ, Abattoirs Association, NZ Meat Processors  
Road Transport Forum NZ  
Seafood New Zealand

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Subject: **Legal consolidation of the Animal Products (Specifications for Products Intended for Human Consumption) Notice 2004 (HC Spec)**

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## Background

Since 2004, a total of 9 amendments have been made to the HC spec. Each amendment notice was consulted on in accordance with the requirements of the Animal Products Act, prior to bringing them into effect. To make it easier for stakeholders to view the amended principal notice, an administrative consolidation was developed, which incorporated each of the amendments. However, this consolidation had no legal standing and the original principal notice and amendment notices had to be referred to when referencing any particular provision.

## Legal Consolidation of HC Spec

It is now the Ministry for Primary Industries' intention to consolidate the amendments into a single notice, creating a new principal notice. The notices to be legally consolidated are:

[Animal Products \(Specifications For Products Intended For Human Consumption\) Notice 2004 \(708 KB PDF\)](#)  
[Amendment Notice 2004 \(102 KB PDF\)](#)  
[Amendment Notice \(No.2\) 2004 \(56 KB PDF\)](#)  
[Amendment Notice \(No.3\) 2005 \(107 KB PDF\)](#)  
[Amendment Notice \(No.4\) 2005 \(223 KB PDF\)](#)  
[Amendment Notice \(No.5\) 2005 \(178 KB PDF\)](#)  
[Amendment Notice \(No.6\) 2006 \(53 KB PDF\)](#)  
[Amendment Notice 2007 \(75 KB PDF\)](#)  
[Amendment Notice 2009 \(62 KB PDF\)](#)  
[Amendment Notice 2013 \(892 KB PDF\)](#)  
[Approved Form: Animal Status Declaration 2012 \(241 KB PDF\)](#)

[Pig Animal Status Declaration and Approved Form \(4 MB PDF\)](#)

No changes have been made to the content of the principal or amendment notices as a result of this consolidation. Consequently it is proposed that the new notice would come into effect immediately on gazetting.

### Next steps

If you would like to take the time to confirm that this is an accurate consolidation of the various notices and make a submission, please do so by Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2013. 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);
- comment details.

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