

The NEW ZEALAND PET FOOD INDUSTRY STANDARDS COUNCIL

Minutes

Meeting: Tuesday, 12th June 18, commencing 1.00pm
At the offices of MPI, 147 Lambton Quay, the TSB building, L1.02 and L1.03,
Wellington.

Present: David Allan (Chairman, NZPFMA), Richard Brake (NZPFMA), Anna Hicks (NZPFMA), Michelle Lang (NZPFMA), Stephen Allington (NZPFMA), Anita Taylor (Secretary, MPI Animal Products), Angela Yang (MPI Animal Products), Awilda Baoumgren (MPI ACVM) Jim Sim (MPI Market Access), Natasha Watzdorf (MPI Market Access), Peter Brown (MPI VS), Colin O'Connor (MPI VS).

By Skype: John Karlake (NZPFMA)

Apologies: Nasser Ahmed (MPI AIT), Richard McKinley (MPI ACVM)

Copies: David Burt (Federated Farmers), Kevin Cresswell (MIA).

Apologies

Apologies were accepted.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held 27 March 2018 were accepted as being a true record.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising other than those recorded on the agenda.

MPI General Topics

- Ray Smith is the new Director General of MPI starting in November 2018.
- The MPI Verification Services Acting Director is the new Agency Technical Manager (ATM) with the new Director being appointed in July.
- Food Regulation (new name for Animal Products group) now include the Food and Beverage Team. Same Deputy Director General Brian Wilson as Food Safety and includes ACVM. Natasha and Jim now taken over from Greg and Nick from Market Access. There is a new DDG for the Policy and Trade Branch.

Food Regulation (previously Animal Products)

AM/PM Qualifications

- MPI have made comments on latest version of AsureQuality course mid-May. Joy Potter has left. Parts still awaiting approval relating to Animal Welfare. There is a provisional approval by MPI for AM/PM
- There are 2 AM strands, 2 PM strands, an Animal Welfare Strand.
- Draft hasn't been distributed within the industry, concerns were raised about this
- Can use previous training material for AM/PM and there is no requirement to include soft skills in the unit standard approved by MPI
Staff currently qualified are not required to have the new unit standards.
- Provisional approval has been given by MPI for AQ to us previous training material.
- Anna Hicks is also going to contact Ira to discuss the detail of how the new unit standards are going to be delivered.
- It was noted that there is a risk with only one 3rd party organisation being able to provide this training.

- Operator on west coast have no trained staff. Need to address before bobby season
- The review of the AC specs is being progressed
- Looking and consolidating notices, moving RMP specs to regulatory level and amalgamating HC and AC specs (2-3 yr timeline).
- Time line for food safety reform act of 4 yrs.

M.Bovis Update from Colin O'Connor.

- Colin going to get answers for why the petfood industry was not included in conference calls and discussions relating to M.bovis
- List of affected properties not available.
- No restrictions on processing plants
- Green waste can go to land fill, treated effluent pond or spread on pasture.
- Need a permit to move or to transport positive animals
- There is a petfood permit to transport with cleaning and disinfection conditions that are verified after cleaning/disinfection. Primary petfood premises don't need a permit unless they are picking up animals.
- Colin is going to provide cleaning and sanitation requirements and the technical memo.

Approvals and ACVM Topics

- Glenn has not yet been replaced causing some delays with the regulation update.
- There is an opportunity to get petfood labelling tidied up for the industry
- Technical sub committee is working on labelling with the recent changes to AFFCO
- Draft notice for oral nutritional compounds will be distributed to the association.
- Labelling guide should be available by the next meeting on 18 Sept
- Veterinary Medicines Exclusions List – no change
- Adverse Event Reporting - ACVM developed draft form for animal feeds, could fit with petfood as voluntary notification
- Slice of Life Review – Awilda to confirm where this is at

Market Access Topics

- FYI for China due to be published
- Nothing has changed for EU poultry – going to confirm with Nick
- Thailand audit for rendered products

MPI Verification Services Topics

- AM/PM Skills Maintenance update – MPI VS had a good response from operators who kill on farm. Number of compliant premises ahead of last year with increased numbers of people qualified
- Modus operandi to be reviewed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 1.00pm, Tuesday 18th June at MPI offices, 147 Lambton Quay, the TSB building, Wellington.

Meeting closed at 14:31 pm.

David Allan
Chairman

Anita Taylor
Secretary