

The NEW ZEALAND PET FOOD INDUSTRY STANDARDS COUNCIL

Minutes

Meeting: Tuesday, 18th Sept 18, commencing 1.00pm
At the offices of MPI, 147 Lambton Quay, the TSB building, L1.02, L1.03 and L1.04 Wellington.

Present: David Allan (Chairman, NZPFMA), Richard Brake (NZPFMA), Anna Hicks (NZPFMA), Stephen Allington (NZPFMA), Anita Taylor (Secretary, MPI Animal Products), Angela Yang (MPI Animal Products), Awilda Baoumgren (MPI ACVM) Jim Sim (MPI Market Access), John Karlake (NZPFMA), Cindy Code (Mars), Nasser Ahmed (MPI AT), Peter Brown (MPI VS), Dave Metcalfe (MPI Planning and Performance), Will Rutherford (MPI Food Policy)

Apologies: Mike Wilson (NZPFMA), Michelle Lang (NZPFMA)

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

- **Apologies – were accepted**
- **Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting 12 June 2018 – were accepted as being a true record**
- **Introduction to Karen Booth (Glenn’s replacement MPI ACVM)**
Karen is a vet with experience in both regulation and the pharmaceutical industry, and has been with the team in a contractor capacity for the last few years working on the Registration Review.
- **MPI General Topics**
Recently reviewed and refreshed strategy, 4 focus areas. AY to email further details on these. AP permanent manager yet to be confirmed. Allan Cook new Director for VS. New directorate for animal health and welfare, reg and Ass branch, Chris Rodwell is the director new name is Animal Trade and also still has an Animal Imports team as well as Animal Trade team (both imports and exports). Dave Metcalfe Internal VS performance overview with looking at high level sector performance.
- **Animal Products**
 - **Update from AP**
Delegated legislation project – to reduce the number of notices and regs. Project to make easier to find and merge, food safety law reform act, deadline is 2022. Means fewer docs and more consistent requirements, outside scope is ACVM, OMAR, cost recovery. Not looking at technical limits, not looking at changes for businesses day to day. Workshops from 2017 included some petfood industry members. Looking at going out for formal consultation. E.g. RMP notice to be moved up to reg level, more outcome focused and increase visibility of notices. There will be challenge recognised with consistency of verification with outcome basis
 - **Competency specifications for AM/PM (now approved)**
Sent a letter to AQ on min requirements for AM/PM list of unit standards be were circulated.
 - **Other topics** – insects as protein source for AC dried insects to include in petfood and as treats. If milling or drying insects, they are classed as animals under APA but no requirement to by under RMP, if operators want to process these they will come under further processors. Not classed as an animal under the animal welfare act. Farming insects for HC is a grey area.

- **Petfood COP** – consolidating info, propose to update COP to include ACVM and APA requirements. See below.
- **Approvals and ACVM Topics**
 - **ACVM Regulation update** – no specific update here
 - **Combine COP**
The Animal Products Team and the ACVM Team will be working on developing a new APA/ACVM Code of Practice for petfood manufacture. This single guidance document will cover both the APA and ACVM requirements, meaning that a single reference will address all aspects of petfood manufacture from end to end including labelling. There is also still work going forward on the ONC Notice under the ACVM Act, which will better set out the ACVM-specific requirements. Also proposed to include import requirements under Biosecurity Act. AB, AY and NA to work together on this.
 - **Labelling guidance wrt changes to AAFCO**
ACVM and APA have had input into the revised labelling guidance via Richard, still working on what still supports MA and NZ leg
 - **Draft notice for oral nutritional compounds**
This is still in progress, pending the completion of the slice of life audit (see below).
 - **Veterinary Medicines Exclusions List**
There is internal discussion as to whether this should be incorporated into the ONC Notice, the revised COP, or another stand-alone document. Will of course consult with industry before any content is finalised. Industry keen to see it outside the regs. Could this be with industry, maybe a schedule in the COP is the place for this?
 - **Adverse Event Reporting**
The draft was circulated with NZPFMA via Richard for comment after the last meeting, and is now finalised and available on the website:
<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/8214-acvm-30-adverse-event-report-animal-feeds>
Early warning system to save lives from examples of reporting in AU.
 - **Slice of Life Review**
Now going to happen, TOR from SAT have been approved and has been circulated to industry execs. Goal is fact finding audit, seeing where gaps and guidance from MPI end to facilitate business for industry. Broader to all ONCs which includes petfood. Not sure about timeframes, there is a priority on this. Then can progress with notice etc.
- **Market Access Topics**
 - **Timelines for the NZ-China protocol**
AQSIQ got disbanded, MPI lost good contacts, this has impacted across board, 5 MPI staff based in China and staff in NZ focus on re-establishing relationships. MA are trying to progress petfood protocol before xmas. Dave Samuels heading China delegation, trying to back fill Chad Tustin. Exports expanding from NZ to CN. Most anxious about any disruptions to trade. CN team have said the response was good from the FYI for expression of interest to be listed, likely to run process again for any new processors and also aiming to include transition period in protocol. Not likely to affect MOA registration but MOA is also effected in govt restructure in CN. As for the equivalence temps still at negotiating protocol without delving into tech details at this stage. JS to follow up with Hannah Chua on the list as some members are anxious about who to talk to. RB to put something in newsletter, JS to talk to CN team.
 - **US - have other industries have experienced change in FDA enforcement now more parts of FSMA have been rolled out?**
Discussed with Greg Zemke-Smith, FDA started inspecting facilities within US. Going to try to negotiate that equivalence for food also includes petfood, always ask for systems based audit rather than individual listings. Nutrition a big issue. Not a lot of legislation for nutritional requirements in

NZ. Could be included in OMAR from the relevant sections in the combined COP? Ongoing conversation. How to verify complete and balanced claims?

- **Hold ups with import permits being issued by AU in June/July apparently due to discussions with MPI and DAWR**

MPI understands these have been issued, if there are any further hold ups please let MPI know, there were issues with freeze dried wording from HC as below.

- **Time/temp parameters on an import permit for poultry petfood differ to what is in the OMAR (OMAR = 70 deg C for 30 mins, IP = 72 deg C for 15 mins)**

About to be a change to AU OMAR for poultry to be 72 deg C for 15 mins

- **Any progress with CA accepting feral venison?**

Not quite there, will be explored when someone is up there next month.

- **Clarification for raw/freeze dried petfood to AU – sourced from HC?**

Yes must be sourced from HC still to confirm if needs to be passed for HC as well.

Other – Thailand no retail ready petfood

- **Animal Trade topics**

- **Searching for IHS**

Nasser demonstrated online on how to search, best to go to imports on MPI home page. Then go to food for animals, then petfood for finished petfood, then go into requirements. Website will only show 5 most used/relevant standards, need to click on “load more documents” to see all stds. Also can use quickfinder and include importing>food for animals>petfood>requirements. To select list of every IHS go to biosecurity page and IHS search, can click + signs to see what metatags are included in each search. Also can do a google search.

Skype invite from Angela Yang.

Other – drafting a new IHS to include all petfood requirements.

- **MPI Verification Services Topics**

- **M. Bovis update**

Colin now been replaced by Brendon Vale. More work needs to be done. PB to get feedback from industry. How to better control pick ups/movement. AT to collate feedback.

- **Japan store listing now required**

Some petfood rejected in JP for stores not being listed. Getting some clarification with MA will be an update to OMAR. Can get listing now using AP20(2). RB to circulate to members.

- **Other**

IANZ audit for VS included petfood, PB, covered sector performance and delved into AM/PM requirements and annual skill maintenance and were impressed with controls within the industry

Dunninghams – problems with packaging guarantees, updating data base and will now be able to get guarantees online

Ira Strapp – Joy Dockrill will be replacing Ira.

Finished Product Described as Lamb - when there is a mixed sourced from mutton and ovine, further clarification required, PB working on this.

AM/PM Anyone who needed to completed AM/PM quals.

MEETING CLOSED 2:45 pm.

Next meeting 27th November at the offices of MPI, 147 Lambton Quay, the TSB building, Level 1 Wellington.

Anita Taylor
Secretary