

# The NEW ZEALAND PET FOOD INDUSTRY STANDARDS COUNCIL

## Minutes

- Meeting: Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 18, commencing 1.00pm  
At the offices of MPI, 17 Maurice Wilson Ave, Mangere, Auckland. 2022.
- Present: David Allan (Chairman, NZPFMA), Richard Brake (NZPFMA), Anna Hicks (NZPFMA), Michelle Lang (NZPFMA), Stephen Allington (NZPFMA), Jennifer Chappell (Nestlé), Tamsyn Illston (K9 Natural), Nicky Majoor (MPI VS), Anita Taylor (Secretary, MPI Animal Products)
- By Skype: John Karslake (NZPFMA), Angela Yang (MPI Animal Products), Glen Bradbury (MPI ACVM) Greg Zemke-Smith (MPI Market Access), Natasha Watzdorf (MPI Market Access), Nick Dymond (MPI Market Access).
- Apologies: Mike Wilson (NZPFMA), Peter Brown (MPI VS), Nasser Ahmed (MPI AIT)
- Copies: Chris Chapman (NZPFMA), Nigel King (NZPFMA), David Burt (Federated Farmers), Kevin Cresswell (MIA).

### **Apologies**

Apologies were accepted.

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held 21st November 2017 were accepted as being a true record.

### **Matters Arising**

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

### **MPI General Topics**

MPI rebranding new business units in April.

#### ACVM

MPI will remain competent authority for ACVM waiting to hear which business unit they will end up in. Last meeting for Glenn Bradbury, Richard McKinley will take over from him.

#### Animal Products

Animal Products moving to TSB building Lambton Quay. Replacement for Judy Barker, Nigel Lucas acting Animal Products Manager for next 4-6 mths. Marion Castle is Production and Processing Manager.

#### Market Access

Natasha Watzdorf will be taking over responsibility for petfood.

### **NZ Animal & Animal Products**

#### Petfood Code of Practice

The disposition table for PM inspection is going to be updated and other species to be included (Alpacas, Llamas). Weblinks to chapters 2-5 no longer working but easy to find link on MPI [Pet food, inedibles, animal feed and supplements](#) page.

#### Review of AC Specs

Review will include the definition for further processors. Schedule 2 - Competency specifications for AM/PM AsureQuality(AQ) looking at sign off with MPI for new course. Angela received training material from AQ to check technical content. Feedback to be mid April. Unclear on length of course and how it is going to be implemented. MPI will recognise the unit standard as equivalent to the current one. The NZPFMA would like the review to include more detail on the length on the course and how it will be assessed. Unclear about soft skills in the unit standard and would prefer not to include these leaving the

course only 3 days to reduce costs. Angela discussing with Joy Potter AQ project manager for all qualifications.

*Conference call scheduled to progress discussion with Angela, Richard and Dave.*

*Angela to send a summary of changes to Richard*

## **Approvals and ACVM Topics**

### ACVM Regulation update

Priority with rectifying issues with the proposed changes which is progressing slowly. Looking at harmonising with Australia and data sharing and drawing up an MOU. Priority for industry are rules around exemptions with recognising PARNUTS in primary and secondary legislation. AU accepts PARNUTS, joint adverse event reporting intended to be included in MOU.

### Slice of Life Review

Slice of Life Review focusing on the petfood sector's compliance with ACVM (Exemptions and Prohibited Substance) Regulations 2011 scheduled to start in the next few weeks.

*Glenn to send Richard the Terms of Reference.*

## **Market Access Topics**

### US

Unable to get FDA to formally accept test results from NZ for consignments that were held up, some NZ results were accepted. MPI to get information from FDA to get taken off red list, look to include in OMAR for steps to get off red lists for FDA to accept. Unsure if FDA will continue intermittent testing – assume this is the case. Conference call today with Mike in preparation for conference call with GDA tomorrow.

### China

Extraordinary growth, MPI discussing to maintain status quo, needs to be assessed with Chinese authorities. Currently exports for petfood still commercial risk. No change to date, no imminent changes expected.

### Canada

Waiting for Canada to accept processing of wild animal ingredients then OMAR will be amended.

### EU

Poultry slaughtered in animal consumption primary premises is not eligible for the EU in processed petfood, only poultry in slaughtered in human consumption premises is eligible. Issue is the requirements for AM/PM inspection are higher.

### Other

F4/18: Thailand Secondary Processed Animal Products and Animal Products not intended for Human Consumption – regulations targeted at importers, MPI advises to keep in touch with importers. Richard has some information from Nasser on risk assessment.

## **MPI Verification Services Topics**

### Skills Maintenance

Soft landing is over for AM/PM skills maintenance requirements. MPI not going to allow processing if not completed by end of May.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for 1.00pm, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at MPI offices, Pastoral House, Wellington. Angela to confirm.

Meeting closed at 14:31 pm.

**David Allan**  
**Chairman**

**Anita Taylor**  
**Secretary**