

The NEW ZEALAND PET FOOD INDUSTRY STANDARDS COUNCIL

Minutes

Meeting: Tuesday, 11th June 19, commencing 9:30 am
At the offices of MPI, 147 Lambton Quay, the TSB building, L1.02, L1.03 and L1.04 Wellington.

Present: Richard Brake (NZPFMA), Stephen Allington (NZPFMA), Anita Taylor (Secretary, MPI Animal Products), Angela Yang (MPI Animal Products), Awilda Baoumgren (MPI ACVM), Peter Brown (MPI VS)*, Michelle Lang (NZPFMA), Frederic Hugues (Real Pet Food Co.)*, Nigel King (NZPFMA), Jim Sim (MPI Market Access), John Karlake (NZPFMA)*, Marion Castle (MPI Animal Products)*, Nigel Lucas (MPI Animal Products)* Anna Hicks (NZPFMA)*, Mike Wilson (NZPFMA)*
*not present for entire duration of meeting.

By Skype: Cindy Code (Mars)

Apologies: Rochelle Ferguson (MPI Market Access), Nasser Ahmed (MPI AIT), Victoria Hamilton (Mars)

Copies: Nick Hanson (Federated Farmers), Kevin Cresswell (MIA).

- Apologies confirmed as above.
- Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting 26 March 2019

o MPI General Topics

DG has restructuring around accountability and business units: Forestry, Fisheries, Biosecurity and Food Safety. Consultation process – implement end of July. Very little change to Food Safety. Under new agricultural services including previous PGP, funding etc. Expanded core services, MPI one of the largest regulators looking at inspector general to oversee how the legislation is put in place.

o Animal Products

Update from AP - Nigel Lucas and Marion Castle were present to show faces and familiarise with members.

Combined Petfood COP update - successful meeting with RB. Petfood/Pet Food now described as Animal Material will be included in definitions. Chapters 1 and 2 have been updated with these definitions. Angela working on chapter 3 and Awilda is working on chapter 5, should be completed in a couple of months then distributed. Will also include minimal risk, medium risk, high risk animal material to be aligned more closely with the HC COPs. A bit of work by industry on nutritional formulation – fits into chapter 5.

Draft AC Specs – legal has completed a review, most is from the draft HC specs. AY to include legal comments in notice then send out for comment/public consultation. Discussion around PM requirements for wild animals. AY to make a list of changes relation to AC to make more obvious.

Team is revising the AM and PM requirements for poultry for HC and AC. Anna has been involved in that. Will be sent out for consultation around the same time as the AC/HC specs.

Question relating to the ongoing use of IS7 and is still in OMARs. This will be included in rendering/petfood COP or the specs then it will disappear. Further work will

o Approvals and ACVM Topics

ACVM Regulation update – indication should be drafted by July/August and will have an update for next meeting. No control with this. Nothing different in the interpretation relating to petfood. Nothing major from the minister review. GAPFA looking at different regulatory models for PARNUTS to give some standing for grey area between vet meds and petfood (nutritional with therapeutic functions)

ACVM Slice of Life Review – audit is done. Final draft of the report is completed, ACVM, AP and VS all looking at it as there are recommendations that will be included in a new ONC notice, haven't determined what will be in this, will be changes to feeds. As soon as the recommendations are finalised then these will be distributed and any draft notice the association will be involved.

Specific ingredients/chemicals (example relating to large list of chemicals with change in new California requirements which is not clear is applicable to petfood not just HC) nothing included in regs that ACVM can give assurances for particularly with plant based ingredients.

o Market Access Topics

China update – OMAR has been updated with implementation date to August still not confirmed with China. Hold up is with lists. Questions still around MARA 1 Sept 19 deadline.

AU Update – raw freeze dried petfood must come from HC premises that has also been passed for raw AC, free from bovine TB. OMAR update will be completed by the end of June. If any import permits issued with new clauses then can include new clauses on certs.

Canada (feral venison) – no progress, no response to a follow up email.

EU OMAR has been updated with regards to the alternative processing approval.

Some members have received a letter from customs regarding the free trade talks with how much is imported and how much is NZ.

There was a recent issue with exporting petfood including low THC hemp seed oil to Singapore – hemp has no permission for Singapore (and other countries) and importing cannabis carries death penalty. Importer contacted MPI and container

was returned. Reminder to members that exporters must comply with all country regulations even if not in an OMAR or NZ legislation.

Closer economic treaty with NZ and Singapore has been signed. Jim is going to Singapore to discuss equivalent requirements, EU style simplified certs.

Korea – question of raw poultry unresolved. Inclusion of possum into petfood has not been negotiated. There has been some confusion with product registration and labelling in different regions (commercial requirements)

o MPI Animal Imports Topics

Combined Petfood COP – not further update.

o MPI Verification Services Topics

Young calf agreement there is a clause that there is weekly reporting to RB and will RB will collate into generic totals that will be sent out every Tuesday from 24th June.

Ongoing issues with certification with regards to truthful to labelling – need to revisit this for better clarity. Labelling guideline based on Australian labelling, understood globally. Going to arrange a meeting with the relevant people. RB and PB to set up meeting.

Petfood Ante- and Post-mortem Examiners Skills Maintenance. Completion Deadline of the end of May. Association members can do their own internal skills maintenance. Good outcome with getting completed.

Meeting Ended 10:28 am.

Next meeting same venue as above on Tuesday 17th Sept 19 starting at 1 pm.