

# The NEW ZEALAND PET FOOD INDUSTRY STANDARDS COUNCIL

## Minutes

Meeting: Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 19, commencing 1:00 pm  
At the offices of MPI, 147 Lambton Quay, the TSB building, L1.02, L1.03 and L1.04 Wellington.

Present: Richard Brake (NZPFMA), Anna Hicks (NZPFMA), Stephen Allington (NZPFMA), Anita Taylor (Secretary, MPI Animal Products), Angela Yang (MPI Animal Products), Awilda Baoumgren (MPI ACVM) Peter Brown (MPI VS), Nigel King (NZPFMA), John Karlake (NZPFMA), Tamsyn Illston (K9), Cindy Code (Mars), Greg Zmeke-Smith (MPI Market Access), Tim Power (MPI Market Access), Janice Atrill (MPI Animal Products), Karen Booth (MPI ACVM), Marion Castle (MPI Animal Products), Dave Yard (MPI Biosecurity).

By Skype: Michelle Lang (NZPFMA), Frederic Hugues (NZPFMA), Victoria Hamilton (Mars)

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

Apologies: Nasser Ahmed (MPI AIT), Mike Wilson (NZPFMA)

- Apologies
- Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting 11 June 2019 accepted

Dave Yard (MPI Biosecurity – Principle Response Manager). IBD update, MPI notified by EPF that one of their egg producer members had sero +ve results – sequencing completed in NZ – sent overseas 95% confident that it is IBD type 1 but not yet officially confirmed. MPI stopped certification mainly affecting exports to AU, largely a trade response, shows very few clinical signs, no confirmed cases within poultry meat producers. To get back OIE freedom of dz status countrywide need to test commercial and back yard flocks, very difficult, commercial freedom could be a possibility. 1<sup>st</sup> to get confirmation that is type 1 from OIE, results expected later this week. 4 countries AU, KR, SG, Kiribati. Market Access working on zoning for dz controls.

- MPI General Topics – CBD needs to be registered as a vet med in NZ for use in pet food and also needs to prove whatever the claim is e.g. prescription diet. THC has to be zero, however zero content not able to be scientifically proven. ACVM seeking clarification on that. CBD aspect = prescription medicine. Also need to consider trade aspect as there are a number of countries that still prohibit
- Animal Products

- **Update from AP**

Angela moving to SAT on 27 Sept, last meeting. Janice will be back up petfood sector lead until a permanent lead is found.

- **Combined Petfood COP update**

Angela and Awilda working on chapter 5. Lots of time on compete and balanced food and labelling. Draft could be available end of this week. AC spec public consult will close this Friday, then collate comments and update code along with the new AC specs once finalised. Industry need to discuss terms to use for labelling. What is a complete and balanced food and how to verify this (including production).

- **Draft AC Specs**

Two main issues

- PM examination of wild mammals, keen to see a qualification requirement. Association happy with current unit standards to cover this with some specifics relating to wild. PM not significantly different for wild from farmed.
- Wording of minimal risk material and medium risk for pet food within withholding periods. Some of the wording from HC specs. Need to make sure the risks wrt residues are managed. Angela to work with Richard. Main concern is with term “within withholding period” – differences for different compounds with risks to AC.

Summary of submission and responses. Then needs to go through tabled through parliament as it is a notice. Still looking at 2019 date.

- Approvals and ACVM Topics

- **ACVM Regulation update**

Recently restricted the team. 3 additional FTE positions, promoted 4 staff. Awilda moved from senior advisor to specialist advisor. 2 new L5 managers. Regulatory team look after adverse events, new L5 and 2 new staff. Previously not well resourced in this area or compliance – further resource also in compliance. Working with trademe to get a lot of non-compliant products being removed. New roles effective as of next Monday. Awilda will still be the person to go to for petfood enquiries.

- **Class Determinations**

ACVM endeavoured to provide clarity around current regulations/rules and to give industry the confidence that they are mindful of the commercial issues in the innovative and growing space. Change won't be happening overnight but is on the radar, not a speedy process. The current changes to legislation working through now, compiling changes for next round.

- **Quarterly Petfood Adverse Events Report**

Worthy of being a regular agenda item. AU petfast model works well in picking up issues with products before it is realised there is a wider issue. Industry anxious whether vet community are reporting for exempt products. For feeds, only 1 adverse event reported for last ¼, and 3 in total for the year. Awareness is there for vets, less awareness from a public point of view. Website has been updated to find information easily. Can look at reminding vets of pet food reporting unusual adverse events, thiamine deficiency in AU good example of early warning system. If happened in NZ would NZ pick it up? Are ACVM not getting reports because it is not happening or not

being reported – difficult question to answer. Awilda is going to discuss with Karen to what the best format would be to remind vets to report issues with pet food.

- **Other**

Working on the final ONC report

o Market Access Topics – sector lead for petfood is now Greg with Tim as the back up.

- **China update**

Janine reported on visit to China last week, key issues outstanding concern around listing of premises and also grouping into 3; retail ready complete and balanced and treats, woolly heads, then extension of woolly heads with beef feet heads etc and raw material (offal, MDM etc) for manufacture into pet food. Main issue with raw material getting into HC. MIA keen to hold out for an agreement including offal/MDM rather than separating retail ready petfood in which negotiations mainly complete. Some developments within MARA as well, Richard is going to get an update from Janine next week. Important not to lose momentum with retail ready brands already well established in China.

- **AU Update**

IBD AU clarified they want egg ingredients in petfood to meet same temperature requirements. Differs from requirement for HC egg, Helen is going to discuss requirements for possibility of using HC processed egg pulp in AC. AQIS have been contacted permit holders and permits have been revoked.

What is the significance of 20<sup>th</sup> May? Question around regionalisation should be part of the response. Potential for recall – decision not been made yet. AU has not previously recognised zoning. Most likely waiting for confirmation of overseas genome testing.

New conditions for raw material free of TB, to be implemented 1 Nov.

- **Canada (feral venison)**

MA to visit CA next month to get further progress. Issues have been around certification requirements, no response to letter from MPI. Meeting has been requested by not yet confirmed.

- **US**

Greg interested in how things are going in US – no major challenges from industry. Food safety recognition with FDA, MA holding off until FDA recognised pet food is already included. Want to harmonise with CA and AU which don't include pet food.

- **Korea**

Internal KR regulations more of an issue rather than with the OMAR.

o **MPI Verification Services Topics**

- AC spec sent out to staff for comments by Friday
- Deloitte have been tasked with review of MPI VS structure

- IBD issue managed well
- Labelling ovine as lamb – waiting for association to come back on this. 83% of NZ throughput is lamb so majority of ovine will essentially be lamb. Certification meeting around lamb/mutton and also including labelling guideline included in OC.
- Peter to find out how animal welfare has been managed this year with the bobby season.
- Skills maintenance to be confirmed.

Meeting Ended 2:55 pm.

Next meeting same venue as above on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 19 starting at 1 pm.