

# The NEW ZEALAND PET FOOD INDUSTRY STANDARDS COUNCIL

## Minutes

Meeting: Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 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), Mike Wilson (NZPFMA), Anita Taylor (Secretary, MPI Animal Products), Mitchell Newcombe (MPI Animal Products), Janice Attrill (MPI Animal Products), Marion Castle (MPI Animal Products), Peter Brown (MPI VS), Nigel King (NZPFMA), Greg Zmeke-Smith (MPI Market Access), Tim Power (MPI Market Access), Damien Fergus (Pasture Petfood), Pepe Rahui Mosby (MPI Animal Products).

By Skype: Cindy Code (Mars), John Karlake (NZPFMA), Frederic Hugues (NZPFMA)

Apologies: Awilda Baoumgren (MPI ACVM), Victoria Hamilton (Mars), Nasser Ahmed (MPI AIT) Michelle Lang (NZPFMA).

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

- **Apologies accepted**
- **Minutes of the meeting 17 Sept 2019 confirmed**

### **MPI General Topics**

NZ food strategy set to launch on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Dec. Mitch will circulate once published.

Angela has moved on to the systems Audit team, Mitch taken over petfood liaison in her absence. Other staff changes in AP include senior adviser for dairy Philippa Child who is seconded to Verification Services for 6 months. There are two new advisors:

George Clark has a degree in Biomedical Science and he has most recently been working for Eurofins.

Kalpana Kathriarachchi has a degree in Food Science and Technology and a background in the dairy and beverage industries in Sri Lanka and New Zealand. She has previously worked for Fonterra in the laboratories.

Pepe Rahui Mosby is a new intern over the summer with a background in law and engineering.

ACVM will be hiring a dedicated compliance person focusing on exemptions and class determinations.

### **Animal Products**

#### **Food recalls and risk-based plans and programmes regulations**

Cabinet approved the final policy proposals to amend the food safety regulations to include food recalls and risk-based plans and programmes for the APA, Wine and Food Acts. The proposals were consulted on late last year and closed 7 December 2018.

#### **Food recall proposals**

- **agreed** all food businesses to maintain food recall procedures;
- **agreed** all food businesses have effective tracing and recall of food;
- **agreed** all food businesses to be able to trace food coming in, and food going out of their operations, and identify and locate food that is within their operations;
- **agreed** that MPI can request traceability information held by a food business to be provided to it within a shortened timeframe;
- **agreed** to require mock recalls to be performed around every 12 months, unless a successfully managed genuine recall has occurred in the previous 12 months;
- **agreed** to require food businesses to provide recall information to MPI in a format that is readily accessible.

#### **Risk management programme proposals**

- **agreed** that operators must provide hazard identification and management information when registering an RMP;
- **agreed** to replicate similar requirements presently in Animal Product notices for what needs to be in an RMP into regulations.
- These regs will only apply to applications for new registrations or to new significant amendments.
- They essentially confer a benefit to people as they permit only part of the RMP/WSMP to be provided to MPI.

#### **Timing, commencement and administration**

These regulations for making an application for registration need to be in place by end of February 2020.

These regulations will permit an applicant for registration of an RMP to be able to only provide an outline of the RMP that includes the full hazard identification and management information.

There will likely be a stand-alone RMP regulation, which could then be merged later in the Regulatory Redesign project proper.

The mock recall measures will have a delayed commencement to provide for engagement with the export community who have not been involved in this work previously.

#### **Regulatory Redesign**

1. A group across MPI have been working on developing the drafting instructions for new regulations and potential notice content lead by Food Policy. New regulations need to be in place by March 2022. Legal Services sent through the drafting instructions for recognised agencies & persons.
2. Parliamentary Counsel Office or PCO have provided draft regulations for recognised agencies and persons so far. We've responded to help refine the draft regulations
3. Legal are now preparing the instruction packages to go to PCO for other topics e.g. premises and facilities, cleaning and maintenance, etc.

4. MPI will start the workshops with an External Reference Group early next year:
  - The first workshop will provide an opportunity to discuss the changes to food recalls and risk-based plans and programmes regulations in further detail.
  - It will cover the process for developing the new regulations using PCO.
  - Likely cover the draft regulations for recognised agencies & persons and verification, along with notice content.
  - A representative from each organisation will be invited to attend including the PFISC.
5. There is a clause in the FSLR schedule that allows the extension of expiring notices of March 2022, since the notices are unlikely to be revised and ready for publishing as soon as the regulations are finalised.
6. New Policy proposals are still being progressed alongside the redesign work but managed separately: e.g. how recognised labs/tests are covered in the regulations

There is another avenue for changes to acts that MPI administers which includes the ACVM act.

#### **Combined Petfood COP update**

Put on hold until AC specs have been updated, chapters 1-5 with association for comment

#### **Draft AC Specs**

Current main focus of Mitch's workload, no comments from the NZPFMA at this stage. Deadline for comments is early next week, wanting to finalise before xmas.

One issue left over from last meeting is the Wording of minimal and medium risk material for pet food with regard to withholding periods. Need to make sure the risks in terms of residues are managed.

#### **Other topics**

Guidance document available aimed at Food Act business' producing food for animals. RB to get a response to Mitch within 2 weeks

#### **Market Access Topics**

##### **China update**

FYI is being prepared for new expressions of interest, priority is for current exporters to continue exporting and minimise commercial risks in the updated protocol. Categories = processed petfood, treats and supplements in consumer ready packs and only woolly heads for raw (excludes raw and processed petfood for further processing into petfood). Greg to confirm if a systems audit will be required for registrations with GACC from expressions of interest. If a new plant is in progress how long will it take for them to get on a list – Greg to confirm.

##### **AU Update**

IBDV genetically very similar to a vaccine strain but not exact, however is a theory that could be a mutated vaccine strain, closest vaccinated population

would be from the Pacific Islands. It is a low pathogenic strain but is still unwanted in AU and is treating the same as pathogenic strain. Status quo for controls. MPI could look at compartmentalisation in commercial flocks and then if not possible, look at farm controls. Min would be approx. 2 yrs to achieve compartmentalisation, longer if not culling infected flocks (Greg confirmed after the meeting that some further detections from sheds within the same company were false positives).

#### **Canada (feral venison)**

MA went to CA in October and presented more information, CA agreed on getting back with what certification requirements they want – will be another update in January.

#### **US**

MA are working on getting FDA to include petfood in the systems recognition arrangement. FDA is planning to come to NZ in March to do an audit of dietary supplements for human consumption – Greg does not believe it will include pet supplements.

#### **Thailand**

Audit planned for next year, no further progress until the audit has occurred.

#### **Japan**

Draft OMAR circulated, no significant changes, store listing requirement made clearer.

### **Animal Imports Topics**

Minor amendments to the Import Health Standard for Shelf-stable Petfoods Containing Animal Products (PETFODIC.ALL).

The Animal Imports Team is considering making minor amendments to the Import Health Standard for Shelf-stable Petfoods Containing Animal Products (PETFODIC.ALL). The primary amendment is for including specific minimum heat treatment requirements for baked petfood. These parameters are currently missing on the IHS for baked products, identified on the IHS as “*Dehydrated complete diets, dehydrated pet supplements, pet biscuits and pelleted petfoods.*” Overseas outbreaks of African Swine Fever is the trigger for the amendment to baked petfood. Other minor amendments include updating the URLs, and re-phrasing some of the requirements to provide greater clarity.

The amended IHS will be publicly consulted later this year and stakeholders will get the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes.

### **MPI Verification Services Topics**

Certification issue with ovine/lamb labelling. NZPFMA will get a proposal to PB in next couple of days. PB will update new VS certification manager and get meeting arranged.

2019 compliance status report – 131 verifications YTD with 4 unacceptable, overall unacceptable PBV % = 3.1. No. of petfood RMPs have increased from 53 in 2011 to 76 in Nov 2019. Majority of CARs raised for documentation/certification and quality assurance.

Request from Colin O'Connor for calf numbers – waiting for response from 2 companies. Mechanical deboned meat – can only be called this if only mechanically deboned e.g. can't have minced meat into mechanically deboned. Label needs to reflect what is in carton. PB to email ruling around this.

**Petfood Conference planned at Jet Park Hotel and Conference Centre in Auckland  
Thurs 20th and Friday 21st February 2020.**

**Anita Taylor**  
**Secretary**

Meeting closed 2:15 pm.

Proposed dates for the PFISC meetings in 2020 (preceded by the NZPFMA exec meeting at 10.00am):

Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March at 1.00pm at MPI Wellington  
Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June at 1.00pm at MPI Wellington  
Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September at 1.00pm at MPI Wellington  
Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> November at 1.00pm at MPI Wellington