

The NEW ZEALAND PET FOOD INDUSTRY STANDARDS COUNCIL

Minutes

- Meeting: Tuesday, 27th November 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), Mike Wilson (NZPFMA), Anita Taylor (Secretary, MPI Animal Products), Angela Yang (MPI Animal Products), Awilda Baoumgren (MPI ACVM) Kirsten Smith (MPI Market Access), Peter Brown (MPI VS), Michelle Lang (NZPFMA), Frederic Hugues (Real Pet Food Co.), Nigel King (NZPFMA)
- By Skype: John Karslake (NZPFMA)
- Apologies: Nasser Ahmed (MPI AIT), Jim Sim (MPI Market Access)
- Copies: Nick Hanson (Federated Farmers), Kevin Cresswell (MIA).

- **Apologies confirmed as above**
- **Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting 18 Sept 2018**
- **MPI General Topics**
 - Alan Cook is the new Director for VS and Ray Smith has taken over from Martyn Dunne as new DG. Move back to pastoral house not going to be until sometime in 2020.
- **Animal Products**
 - **Update from AP**

Nigel Lucas appointed Manager animal products, Judy Barker to retire 13 Dec. Principal advisor meat vacant and some other vacancies
 - **Combined Petfood COP re-development plan (with Awilda)**

Code redevelopment plan sent to RB, first step to ensure the association gave feedback so nothing is missed, next steps working developing draft, get industry input before public consultation, AW and AY work together on draft and highlight changes, then discuss changes chapter by chapter, send for public consult with changes explained, include complete diets, chews/treats.
 - **AC Spec review**

Review of technical changes, industry has some concerns, currently plan to work with industry on changes, could be same time as COP, better to have AC specs confirmed prior to updating COP. Further discussion for AM qualifications for wild animals, the issue is the cost of the qualification for smaller operators and differences between larger species and smaller species.

7.4 added in from previous issue AY not 100% aware of and will find out which issue this was raised from, a condition differs from an injury and could have issues with being able to export this product. Requirement for a supplier to hold records – AY traceability issue in the document prior to AY took it over and will look into this as well. Wild deer can only source deer from an area vector free, proposed to allow from vector risk and will need to be treated as medium and be thermally processed. Proposed to have the option of treating as minimal risk if examined by a qualified PM inspector for AC as being TB free. Industry thinks the petfood PM qualification should be

enough to be able to identify TB. Leaning back towards requiring qualifications for PM.
Competency new unit std numbers discussed. Animal welfare std feeds into AM std, then there is PM, PM food safety.

AY to put into draft AC specs and circulate before the end of the year then have feedback by Feb 2019.

Other –AW and AY to present at the conference in Thurs afternoon Feb 21
Feb 18 at the Sudima.

○ **Approvals and ACVM Topics**

▪ **ACVM Regulation update**

Final policy proposals given the go ahead to go to cabinet, should be signed off Feb 2019. ONC - More detail around medicated feeds, and removal of GRAS. GRAS still exist as a reference point just not mandatory – still need to be fit for purpose

▪ **APA/ACVM Code of Practice for petfood manufacture** - as above

▪ **Draft notice for oral nutritional compounds** – put on hold until slice of life review has been completed, still on the radar

▪ **Veterinary Medicines Exclusions List** – very similar as above need a decision to where to place this, still guidance could be in COP or somewhere else, not likely to be in the notice

▪ **Adverse Event Reporting** – only two very in the year, one related to a feed and one to a treat, there is a reporting form now available on the MPI site and all industries, vet council and NZVA were notified about the updated form:

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/processing/agricultural-compounds-and-vet-medicines/adverse-events-with-acvms/>

▪ **Slice of Life Review** – 30 sites visited all completed, not all petfood, calf milk replacers, feed mills, feed commodities. Emphasis was on petfood, individual site reports being completed, final overall report to be completed end of Jan 2019. Distribution still to be decided e.g public or industry only

▪ **Other** – updated class determination documents, the update itself not that significant, more details on the form for admin, applicant declaration on the form to confirm obligations under the act. Now clear that all ingredients need to be listed, already required so minimal impact on petfood as no change in requirements.

○ **Market Access Topics** – no major changes in directorship

▪ **China update** A new FYI to be sent out with form – everyone will need to resubmit expression of interest because more information is required from China negotiations on petfood protocol has been completed and now signed. More information in FYI to explain this. China OMAR will be updated following this. Table of equivalent time/temps and included some clarity on flexibility of dog chews, expected to be implemented by Feb/Mar next year. Very important for everyone to submit expression of interest as these will then be listed. KS to find out if list will be an internal MPI list, currently China still administering lists.

What is the procedure for premises to get listed after expressions of interest received and for new premises after Feb/Mar? KS to find out.

KS to get more information on processing and testing requirements

▪ **US update** in market this month raised the issue of petfood is included in the scope of the FDA/MPI equivalent, not much traction to change. Feral venison for petfood to CA, verbally agreed to be fine and expected in next few weeks.

▪ **AU changes DAWR are wanting to make to the conditions for raw freeze-dried petfood. Feedback to Helen Eyles from MIA and PFISC request they replace the word "ruminant" with "bovine" – raw freeze**

dried petfood, negotiations continues, removed exclusion for pulmonary organs, requiring product eligible for HC at PM insp, that means product downgraded from HC to AC at PM will not be eligible for AU for raw/freeze dried petfood. Lack of knowledge is leading to misinterpretation. While this negotiation is going on need to get exporters to check when import permits for freeze dried petfood are going to expire and let KS or Helen know if they expire in next 6 mths to get import permits extended.

- **Friday 22nd Feb looking at getting a MA presenter for Petfood Conference, focus on China and US**

Summary from Kirsten Smith

China:

- Negotiations with the General Administration Of Customs for China (GACC) were concluded and a pet food protocol signed at the SPS JMC meeting in November. This included a table of equivalent time temperatures for heat treated product and clarity on and flexibility for processing of dog chews.
- MPI will be publishing an FYI shortly to provide further information and to seek expressions of interest for registrations. We apologise for the inconvenience but please note that we will need operators to resubmit their previous expression of interest on the form provided in the FYI as GACC has asked for additional information.
- Once the protocol is implemented operators will not be able to export if they are not listed by GACC. MPI anticipates having this new protocol implemented by February or March 2019.
- MPI will also be consulting on the updated China OMAR. We will circulate this via industry groups such as the pet food industry and MIA for comment

USA:

- Equivalence agreement between US FDA and MPI covering products for animal consumption: Raised again this month during a visit to Washington. There will be no change in the near future.

Canada:

- Feral venison as pet food to Canada: This is likely to be signed off in the next few weeks, verbal agreement was given in Ottawa last week.

Australia:

- Negotiations continue with DAWR for the wording of the health cert attestations (specifically the attestations applicable to raw freeze dried pet food).
- Australia's Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) has removed the proposed exclusion of pulmonary organs of ruminant origin, so the 'ruminant' vs 'bovine' wording is no longer applicable.
- An exporter has managed to get a 6 month extension on their import permit while this certificate is being negotiated. Exporters should let market access know if their export permits for raw freeze dried pet food are due to expire in the next 6 months.

○ **MPI Verification Services Topics**

- **Updated on clarification for processed petfood described as lamb that includes ovine/mutton** – letter tabled with industry looking at meeting and discussing further, historic what was accepted in the past not necessarily acceptable now, don't know % from label description, certification only. Labelling guideline from industry clear and agreed for complete and balanced meals. Current status quo until meeting, any hold ups contact PB. JK to be involved with the response to MPI.
- **PBV statistics** – as per sector report from PB emailed 26/11/18
- **Other** – Modus Operandi on the agenda, waiting for OC to be completed.
- **Primary processors meeting at conference on Friday 22 Feb** – PB to present on internal verification

- All primary processing premises had targeted verification relating to bobby calves this year.
- Is there any data on trace heavy metal? National chemical residue programme covers that and results published but not specific on areas. AT to circulate report and include an MPI contact.

MEETING CLOSED 3 pm.

Next meeting 1pm 26th March 2019 at the offices of MPI, 147 Lambton Quay, the TSB building, Level 1 Wellington.

Meeting Ended
Anita Taylor
Secretary