

The NEW ZEALAND PET FOOD INDUSTRY STANDARDS COUNCIL

Minutes

Meeting: Tuesday, 26th March 19, commencing 1.00pm
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) Rochelle Ferguson (MPI Market Access), Peter Brown (MPI VS), Michelle Lang (NZPFMA), Frederic Hugues (Real Pet Food Co.), Nigel King (NZPFMA), Jim Sim (MPI Market Access).

By Skype: John Karlake (NZPFMA), Mike Wilson (NZPFMA)

Apologies: Cindy Code (Mars), Nasser Ahmed (MPI AIT)

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

- Apologies accepted.
- Minutes of the meeting 27 Nov 2018 were confirmed as correct.
- MPI General Topics

None from AP
New Vet Med assessor starting with ACVM soon.

- Increasing the scope of NZPFMA and MPI support

There is a lot of ambiguity from MPI for the industry. Example was the recent China OMAR. Association recognises the need to increase resource into the consultation process. Since then MA provided more clarity around the new requirements and worked really well (credit to the market access team and Janine Collier). The association would like to see more of a focus with working together with MPI as per this example.

- Animal Products

Update from AP – the Chemical and Microbiological manager has retired and the Dairy manager will be filling this role, this has left a gap in the dairy sector (not applicable to petfood).

Combined Petfood COP update. AY sent through chapter one in Jan. Question was asked “why change from petfood to petfeed?”. MPI needed to have a different term to distinguish between the two definitions particularly with petfood and pet food. It’s a legislative difference. Petfood only refers to animal material, ACVM covers plant and

animal which currently only includes ONC or Feed. Petfeed includes plant material as well. Open to suggestions and very welcome to make it easier to read. AY and AW will look into wording these terms to be clearer. Layout is good, content chapter by chapter. Almost ready to circulate chapter two so will send chapter one out again with new terms. One option is to define petfood as per APA definition as 'animal material'.

Draft AC Specs – as a result of the amendment to the APA. Wine ACT. Not allowed to issue new notices within 4 yr period. Work around with issuing amendment notices, essentially replace parts that need to change, so won't be a new notice. Further petfood processors – part of the ONC audit look into a review into the requirements for further processors.

- Approvals and ACVM Topics

ACVM Regulation update – no further movement since last meeting.

ACVM Slice of Life Review – audit is done, still finalising the report. Auditors put summary to AW – visited 12 petfood premises, trend was premises working under an RMP understood requirements under both the APA and ACVM. Only 1 was fully compliant, the RMP premises had minor non-compliances labelling related. Looked at importers doing very little processing to complete petfood production. 12 petfood recommendations to MPI most can be included in guidance material. Some will be addressed in the combined COP. Still working through what gets released when etc. Final report will be completed for internal MPI distribution this week. 11 recommendations to auditees who will get this feedback.

- MPI Verification Services Topics

Update on clarification for processed petfood described as lamb that includes ovine/mutton. Further discussions required between industry and MPI. No change from certification stance. Two separate issues with ingredients lists vs brand names/product descriptions

AM/PM inspections – following on from the conference, recommend industry provide in-house skills maintenance and recommend the training is equivalent to AQ.
AM/PM Inspection: Petfood - Clarification to be circulated for consultation.
Meeting with PB and RB to coming up to discuss verifier calibration

Skype invite from Angela Yang.

Anita Taylor
Secretary

Meeting end 2:31 pm.