



Approval for Risk Management Programme (RMP) Template for Micro Abattoirs

I Nigel Lucas, Manager (Animal Products), approve Risk Management Programme Template for Micro Abattoirs dated 27 June 2018 in its entirety, in accordance with section 12 (3A) of the Animal Products Act 1999, for the purpose of making the determination that the Risk Management Programme Template for Micro Abattoirs dated 27 June 2018 is valid and appropriate for the businesses of the kind described in the Statement of Application.

Statement of Application

The application of RMP Template for Micro Abattoirs dated 27 June 2018 is limited to businesses that operate a micro abattoir.

Signed at Wellington this 27 June 2018.

(Signed)

Nigel Lucas
Acting Manager (Animal Products)
(Acting under delegated authority)



1. Background

1. Despite the general requirement that a risk management programme is tailored to the individual business concerned, section 12(3A) of the Animal Products Act (the Act) allows a risk management programme for a particular business, or part of a business, to be based on a template, a model, or a code of practice, if in the view of the Director-General the template, model, or code of practice is valid and appropriate for businesses of that kind.
2. The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has published the Animal Products Act 1999 — Approval of Templates, Models, Codes of Practice Statement of Policy to clarify the application of section 12(3A) of the Act and provide the procedural arrangements for assessing and approving a template, model, or code of practice.
3. MPI has developed Risk Management Programme (RMP) Template for Micro Abattoirs which is suitable for businesses operating a fixed or mobile micro abattoir i.e.
 - a) slaughters and dresses farmed animals for human consumption;
 - b) has a low throughput (e.g. less than 20 large animals or 50 small animals per day);
 - c) has a limited scope of operations (e.g. excludes any secondary processing and processes products for New Zealand and countries that do not require official assurances).
4. RMP Template for Micro Abattoirs was developed to assist these *operators* to meet the regulatory requirements under the Animal Products Act 1999. The version approved is dated 27 June 2018.

2. Justification of the approval of the template

1. In making this approval MPI has determined that the RMP Template for Micro Abattoirs:
 - a) incorporates regulatory requirements that are applicable for the kind of businesses concerned;
 - b) incorporates Good Operating Practice, the application of HACCP principles and other Risk Management Programme components that are appropriate for the kind of businesses concerned;
 - c) identifies regulatory requirements distinct from strongly recommended practice distinct from helpful information, and as relevant, indicates what this distinction means in terms of application to a business; and
 - d) is practical and achievable for the kind of businesses concerned.



2. RMP Template for Micro Abattoirs was determined to meet criteria *a)*, *b)* and *d)*. The template was trialled by a number of *operators* and the feedback from this trial, and other consultation processes, such as working group meetings with industry representatives and industry conferences was incorporated into the published document.
3. The RMP Template for Micro Abattoirs clearly identified the regulatory requirements, recommended practice and guidance material in each section. The corresponding mandatory procedural requirements have been “pre-ticked”, however allowances for specific businesses to tailor relevant parts of the template to their particular operation are clearly identified. MPI thus considers that the business application of RMP Template for Micro Abattoirs is clear.
4. MPI has undertaken research with *operators* to determine practical approaches that could be put in place to help inform the template development.
5. A targeted and public consultation for the RMP Template for Micro Abattoirs has been held with industry representatives, *operators*, verifiers and other interested parties during January 12 – February 23 2018. Feedback received on the template has been incorporated into the RMP Template for Micro Abattoirs.

3. Disclaimer

1. Considerable effort has been made to ensure that the information provided in the RMP Template for Micro Abattoirs is accurate, up to date, and otherwise adequate in all respects. Nevertheless, RMP Template for Micro Abattoirs approved STRICTLY on the basis that the Crown, the Ministry for Primary Industries, its statutory officers, employees, agents, and all other persons involved with the writing, editing, approval or publication of, or any other kind of work in connection with the template:
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and
 - b) without limiting (a) above, fully exclude any and all liability of any kind, on the part of any and all of them, to any person or entity that applies the RMP Template for Micro Abattoirs.