



Proposed amendments to the Animal Products Notice: Specifications for Products Intended for Human Consumption 2016

The following table describes the proposed amendments to the Animal Products Notice: Specifications for Products Intended for Human Consumption 2016.

General

Clause	Proposed Amendment	Reason
General amendments to the Notice		
General updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Notice has been updated to reflect the correct names/dates of publication of some references (e.g. BMS Notice 2018), the use of acronyms for e.g. risk management programme (RMP), animal status declaration (ASD), etc. 2. Plain English has been applied, where appropriate, including making headings more meaningful, shorter sentences, active voice e.g. 'The operator must.....' etc. 3. Changes are shown using track changes wherever practical. Changes to cross references have not been tracked and hyperlinks inserted where applicable. 4. Guidance boxes have been added, where appropriate, to provide additional information and/or examples to help the reader e.g. a link to the RMP Operators Resource Toolkit for example forms and procedures. 	
Revoking of Branding Notice	This revision revokes the Animal Products (Branding and Associated Requirements) Notice . The domestic meat branding requirements from the 2006 notice have been included in the notice as appropriate.	This reduces the number of legal instruments and coincides with a review of the Animal Products (Export Requirements for Branding, Marking and Security Devices) Notice underway by MPI. The export notice is expected to be available for consultation in the next few months.
Revoking of OMAR 01/40 – Shellfish Lot Numbering Systems	This revokes the OMAR 01/40 Shellfish Lot Numbering Systems and the appropriate content has been included in the Notice e.g. 24.23.	This reduces the number of legal instruments whilst still achieving the outcome of traceable back to growing area/marine farm where a lot number is used.
Revoking of TD 99/125 Export of Crab, Paua and	This revision revokes the TD 99/125 Export of Crab, Paua and Kina - Biotxin Requirements and the appropriate content has been included in the Notice e.g. 19.14.	This reduces the number of legal instruments and any relevant guidance is captured in the revised seafood Code.



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Kina – Biotoxin requirements		
Removal of supplier statements and forms	Remove the supplier statements and forms (currently located in Schedule 5).	<p>MPI is moving towards on-line forms, so presenting a form in a notice becomes less meaningful. Forms can be approved separately but the minimum legal requirements still need to be defined in the Notice. This facilitates changing these forms without having to update the Notice (where the changes have no legal impact).</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Water Supply Assessment Checklist is currently published in the RMP Operators Resource Toolkit. Animal Status Declarations are located on the MPI website. <p>It is anticipated that the statements from Schedule 5 will be available as standalone editable pdf documents on the MPI website following finalisation of the new draft Notice.</p>
Changing of structure of the notice	<p>Italicised headings within the body of the current notice have been changed to Parts. This is most notable in Part 11: Supply of Animal Material and Part 13: Control of Primary Processing Operations.</p> <p>More description in the “Application of this Part” has been amended or inserted, including a scope.</p> <p>Part 2, clauses 2.5 to 2.11 have been reduced to one clause “2.5 Water”.</p> <p>Additional clauses have been added and some clauses consolidated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 3 Premises’ Maintenance and Hygiene has been restructured, focussing on maintenance and cleaning & sanitation; Clause 9.2 Documented Programmes and Record Keeping has been split into two clauses. Part 13 has been consolidated as the new Part 19 Primary Processing Operations. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Italicised headings have been changed to titles that are reflected in the Contents pages for easier locating of information. More description in “Application of this Part” will provide more clarity on what the Part applies to and to whom. Where there are more than several clauses, a scope is included to clarify what the Part covers. New clauses or Parts have been introduced (based on the Animal Products Regulations 2000) to harmonise this notice with Operational Codes or Codes of Practice, and RMP templates.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bivalve molluscan shellfish has been consolidated as Part 24. <p>New Parts have been created for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Storage; Operator verification; Identification and traceability; Pest control; Waste management; Non-complying product. <p>Part 17: Revocations and Part 18: Transitional Provisions have been removed as these are no longer required.</p> <p>The current and new Parts are described in detail in the comparison table in the 'Quick Reference Table for Old and New Clause Numbering for HC Specs' document.</p>	
Consolidating of clause layout	Consolidate clauses to ensure any 'floating' sentences are removed to improve clarity (plain English approach).	<p>For example:</p> <p>(1) If there is non-compliance with the clean seawater supply for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Escherichia coli</i> (Table 1); or total coliforms (Table 1); or chlorine; <p>the water supply must be resampled, the cause of the transgression investigated and the appropriate corrective action taken.</p> <p>Now becomes:</p> <p>(1) The water supply must be resampled, the cause of the transgression investigated and the appropriate corrective action taken, when there is non-compliance with the clean seawater supply for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Escherichia coli</i> (Table 1); or total coliforms (Table 1); or chlorine.



Part 1

Current clause	Part	Proposed Amendment	Reason
Incorporation of Material by Reference	1.1	Remove the packaging standards. To include the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Health Communicable Disease Manual; Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code; Specification of Scientific Names of Fish. 	The changes are to reflect the technical changes proposed in the Notice.
Definitions	1.2	Amended, new or deleted definitions are proposed. See below.	Additions, deletions and changes to current definitions are proposed to better clarify, avoid confusion, to remove any doubt or to align with other applicable legislation. Some of the changes are shown with strike through or yellow highlighting below.

The following definitions have been amended or added	Reason
animal material depot, or depot , has the same meaning as animal material depot or depot in the Animal Product Regulations 2000	This new definition provides clarity for animal material depot versus transport depot (which has been introduced into Part 27: Transportation).
animal material depot operator means a person who operates an animal material depot	This new definition differentiates animal material depot operators versus operators (refer to definition for operator).
ASD or animal status declaration means a declaration relating to farmed ostriches, farmed emus and farmed mammals other than pigs in a form approved by the Director-General	This introduces the use of the acronym ASD.
approved meat marking inks means inks that are approved by the Director-General for use in branding or the identification of condemned carcasses	This new definition comes from the Branding Notice 2006 (being revoked by this Notice).
aseptic processing and packaging means the packaging of commercially sterile, low-acid product into sterilised containers followed by hermetic sealing in a manner that prevents viable microbiological recontamination of the sterile product	This definition is being revoked, it is no longer needed with the new definition for commercially sterilised/commercial sterilisation definition. See below.



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brand means a symbol or mark applied to a carcass and indicates the carcass has undergone and passed a post-mortem examination	This new definition comes from the Branding Notice 2006 (being revoked by this Notice).
branding means applying the brand	This new definition comes from the Branding Notice 2006 (being revoked by this Notice).
canned product means food that: a) is processed and packed in accordance with good manufacturing practice; and b) is packed in clean or sterilised containers that are hermetically sealed; and c) is processed by heat to ensure preservation, whether before or after being sealed in a container	This definition has been replaced by the definition for commercially sterilised/commercial sterilisation and is related to the definition for low-acid commercially sterilised product. See below.
carcass includes a whole carcass, half carcass, third carcass and quarter carcass but does not include offal or primal cuts	This new definition comes from the Branding Notice 2006 (being revoked by this Notice).
certified game estate supplier means a person who is currently certified by the Director-General, or by an agency approved for that purpose by the Director-General, as competent to supply a primary processor with: a) killed game estate mammals and wild birds ; and b) farmed mammals that have gone feral unless the person has surrendered that certification by giving written notice of its surrender to the certifying entity	This definition has been re-worded to be more plain English and includes wild birds (refer to Part 12). The method for surrendering certification has been moved to 12.2 (5).
certified supplier means a person who is currently certified by the Director-General, or by an agency approved for that purpose by the Director-General, as competent to supply to a primary processor with: a) killed wild mammals animals; and b) farmed mammals that have gone feral and then been killed; and c) live possums unless the person has surrendered that certification by giving written notice of its surrender to the certifying entity	This definition has been re-worded to be more plain English and mammals has been changed to animals as harvesting wild birds have been added to this Notice. The method for surrendering certification has been moved to 12.2 (5).



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commercially sterilised/commercial sterilisation means the condition achieved by application of heat, sufficient alone or in combination with other appropriate treatments to render the product free of microorganisms capable of growing under normal non-refrigerated conditions in which the product is likely to be held during distribution and storage	This new definition replaces 'aseptic processing and packaging' to have a wider meaning as sterilisation can be achieved by other than just canning e.g. 5.2 Competencies of Key Personnel.
condemned means that the animal material that has been assessed as not suitable for processing into products fit for human consumption	This new definition comes from the Branding Notice 2006 (being revoked by this Notice).
critical measurement means a measurement of a parameter that is identified in an RMP as critical for the purpose of ensuring safety, integrity and fitness for purpose of final product	This new definition clarifies the term in Part 6: Calibration of Measuring Equipment. It may be a CCP.
document (verb) means to include in writing in a programme e.g. procedures for an RMP	This new definition clarifies what is meant for 'document' for Part 9: Programmes and Record Keeping – note definition for 'documented procedure' and 'programme'.
documented procedure means a written, printed or electronic description of a process or system that is followed by the operator	New definition to clarify the use of this term e.g. 2.3 Facilities, Equipment, etc.
exposed, ready-to-eat animal product means a ready-to-eat animal product that has the potential to be contaminated by any <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> present in a high-care area before it is packaged	This amended definition now includes <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> in full for clarity.
finished product means animal material or product which has been packed, in the manner intended for sale, and is awaiting the decision concerning compliance with regulatory requirements	A new definition for the new clause 8.2 General Requirements in Part 8: Labelling.
key personnel means personnel with the necessary expertise and experience to supervise, oversee or take responsibility for key or essential tasks for the implementation of the RMP	New definition for Part 5: Competency and Training of Key Personnel to describe the important role that some personnel undertake to ensure the effective implementation of the RMP.
landing area means an area on board a fishing vessel used for taking fish on board, including the fish catching equipment and landing deck	It is planned that the Limited Vessel RCS will be revoked under the Regulatory Redesign project and so it is opportune to make these changes with the revision of this Notice.



The following definitions have been amended or added	Reason
<p>low-acid product means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) any animal product, other than an alcoholic beverage, where any component has a pH value greater than 4.6 after heat processing, and a water activity (aw) greater than 0.85; but b) does not include animal product in a hermetically sealed container that is required to be stored under refrigeration 	<p>This definition has been replaced by the definition for low-acid commercially sterilise product (see below).</p>
<p>low-acid commercially sterilised product means food that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) any animal product, other than an alcoholic beverage, where any component has a pH value greater than 4.6 after heat processing, and a water activity (aw) greater than 0.85, but does not include animal product in a hermetically sealed container that is required to be stored under refrigeration; and b) is processed and packed in accordance with good manufacturing practice; and c) is packed in clean or sterilised containers that are hermetically sealed; and d) is processed by heat to ensure preservation, whether before or after being sealed in a container 	<p>This new definition now is included (along with commercially sterilised product), based on Codex and CFR definitions, to clarify commercially sterilised product for the low-acid situation e.g. 5.2 Competencies of Key Personnel.</p>
<p>maintenance compound has the same meaning as maintenance compound in the Animal Product Regulations 2000</p>	<p>New definition to improve clarity for the use of this term.</p>
<p>meat means all parts of an animal that are intended for, or have been judged as safe and suitable for, human or animal consumption</p>	<p>New definition introduced to provide clarity (based on Codex).</p>
<p>MPL (maximum permissible level) means the maximum permissible level at which a substance may be present in animal material or animal product as specified in the Animal Products Notice: Contaminants Monitoring and Surveillance 2018, as that Notice may be modified or replaced under section 167 of the Act</p>	<p>Amended definition to include the latest reference.</p>
<p>NAIT means the National Animal Identification and Tracing system</p>	<p>New definition to improve clarity for the use of this acronym.</p>
<p>non-complying product means any product or input that fails to comply with requirements in this Notice</p>	<p>New definition for the new Part 32: Non-complying Product.</p>



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official assurances legend means a mark of inspection or fitness for purpose - approved for the class of animal product – under this notice. Under previous legislation, this official assurance legend was known as an inspection legend	New definition for this new term introduced in 8.5 (2) Labelling and Accompanying Documentation Changes.
operator , or RMP operator, means a person who operates an animal product business that is subject to a registered risk management programme	New definition to provide clarity around the use and interpretation of this term to improve consistency (versus using the terms animal product operator, transport operator, etc.).
operator verification means the application of methods, procedures, tests and other checks by an operator to validate the RMP and confirm the ongoing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) compliance of the RMP with the legislative requirements; and b) compliance of the operation with RMP as written; and c) applicability of the RMP to the operation; Note: this forms part of confirmation as described in section 17 (3)(f) of the Act	This definition has been re-worded to be more plain English and to include 'to validate the RMP' to enhance the definition.
personnel includes staff members, visitors and contractors	New definition to improve clarity for the use of this term.
poison use statement means a statement that describes the poison use status of an area of land signed by a responsible person in respect of that land and that is in the form set out in Schedule 5	Amended this definition to remove the reference to Schedule 5 which is proposed to be removed.
preservation temperature means, in relation to particular refrigerated animal material or animal product, means the range of temperatures specified in regulations or notices made under the Act or otherwise as specified by the consignor, at which the animal material and animal product preserve their fitness for purpose	New definition to clarify the use of this term e.g. 19.17 Chilling and Freezing of Animal Material or Anima Product and aligns with other Notices.
programme means the collection of procedures that define how the operator meets the requirements in this Notice	This new definition clarifies what is meant for 'programme' for Part 9: Documented Programmes and Record Keeping. The term 'programme' has been included in a number of places in this Notice.
prohibited growing area zone means part of a growing area designated as such under the Animal Products Notice: Regulated Control Scheme – Bivalve Molluscan Shellfish for Human Consumption 2018	Amended definition to align with the new Animal Products Notice: Regulated Control Scheme – Bivalve Molluscan Shellfish for Human Consumption 2018.



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RCS means a registered regulated control scheme	New term used introduced in this Notice.
reticulation management plan means a documented programme that contains procedures for the management of a water reticulation system (including pipework and fittings for example backflow prevention devices) within a premises or place to ensure that the water quality is not adversely affected prior to the point of use	Removed this definition as it is proposed that this term is no longer used in 2.5 Water. The requirements described in the current Notice for this topic have been integrated in 2.5 Water.
RMP means a registered risk management programme	New definition to allow the use the acronym RMP.
sanctuary means a protected facility for animals bounded by a predator-proof fence or other geographical features that protects species against predation, poaching, etc.	New definition to allow animals to be taken up to e.g. a fence line where animals are prevented from entering by a predator-proof fence or geographical feature e.g. a cliff, etc.
shellfish harvesting statement has the same meaning as “harvest declaration” as defined in the Animal Products (Specifications for Bivalve Molluscan Shellfish) Notice 2006	Remove this definition and use the term harvest declaration for shellfish in the Notice.
supplier guarantee programme means a programme documented in an RMP, that identifies specified suppliers, identifies signs of illness or disease, and establishes the animal treatment and exposure status of animal material presented for primary processing, and in the case of farmed poultry and farmed fish provides information that would be equivalent to the supplier statement for that animal material	Included the ‘identifies signs of illness or disease’ has been introduced to recognise that any signs of illness or disease needs to be considered to assist in identifying any issues prior to primary processing.
supplier statement means a statement set out in Schedule 5, in the form and manner approved by the Director-General which is signed by a supplier to confirm that certain requirements of those specifications have been met, and includes electronic supplier statements for farmed animals	Amended this definition to remove the reference to Schedule 5 which is proposed to be removed and inserted ‘in the form and manner...’.
transshipment means the transferring of animal material or animal product between transportation units at a depot as part of the journey, then onto another destination	New definition to provide clarification for the term used in e.g. 27.5 Maintaining Preservation Temperatures for consistency across other documents.



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transport depot means a facility that is used to tranship (temporarily hold) animal material or animal product in the course of a journey and includes a vehicle docking facility (VDF)	This new definition provides clarity for transport depot which has been introduced into Part 27: Transportation (versus animal material depot).
transportation unit means a container, or a compartment or part of a vehicle or vessel (includes a road vehicle, aircraft, railway wagon, ship, shipping container, bulk tank or trailer) used in the transport of animal material or product	Amended this definition for consistency across other Notices.
vehicle means any motorised conveyance that holds or carries, or that includes, one or more transportation units on or in it and is designed to travel by road or rail	New definition for consistency e.g. 12.3 Operations Manual.
viscera means the internal organs of the animal	This new definition comes from the Branding Notice 2006 (being revoked by this Notice).
water management plan means a documented programme that specifies the water quality standard and criteria, and procedures for the management of the water quality within a premises or place to ensure that the appropriate quality of water is delivered at the point of use	Removed this definition as it is proposed that this term is no longer used in 2.5 Water. The requirements described in the current Notice for this topic have been integrated in 2.5 Water.
whole flock health scheme in relation to a flock of farmed birds means a programme documented by the operator that is designed to ensure that any hazards associated with the birds or the eggs (as appropriate) that are likely to affect human health are identified and managed in an appropriate manner and must include: a) measures for disease control or eradication; and b) activities to ensure that agricultural compounds and veterinary medicines are used according to any general or specific conditions of use; and c) measures for feed management; and d) activities to ensure that approved maintenance compounds are used according to any general or specific conditions of use	Amended the definition as the whole flock health scheme does not currently include approved maintenance compounds as a hazard. The word 'documented' has been removed as there is now a definition for programme which has 'documented procedures'.
wild bird means a ground-living bird including: a) wild turkey (<i>Melegris gallopavo</i>); b) peacock, peafowl (<i>Pavo cristatus</i>); c) quail (<i>Synoicus ypsilophorus</i>);	New definition for to allow wild birds to be harvest for human consumption, refer e.g. Part 12. This has meant that 'wild mammals' has often been changed to read 'wild animals' (as appropriate) so that wild birds are included in descriptions.



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d) pheasant (<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>); e) guinea fowl (<i>Numida memagris</i>)	This also aligns with the Animal Consumption Specifications 2017.

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Human consumption specifications to prevail	1.3	Include this new clause.	Provide clarity when shared facilities or equipment are used for both human and animal consumption. This also aligns with the Animal Consumption Specifications 2017.



Part 2 Onwards

Current clause	Part	Proposed Amendment	Reason
Design, construction and essential services	2	Moved 2.2 (2) to become 2.2 (1) as (1) describes the criteria for sanitary design. 2.2 (2) expands 2.2 (1)(a).	This re-wording now highlights the need for a sanitary approach to design when designing and constructing facilities, equipment etc. Note the existing definition for sanitary design in 1.2 Definitions.
Facilities, equipment, etc.	2.3 (6)	New clause on landing area for vessels. Note the definition for landing area in 1.2 Definitions.	It is planned that the Limited Vessel RCS will be revoked under the Regulatory Redesign project and so it is opportune to make these changes with the revision of this Notice.
	2.3 (7)	New clause where operators may process both human and animal consumption products. Note 1.3 Human Consumption Specifications to Prevail.	This proposed change makes sure that operators have considered how they manage (and have procedures for) the separation of human and animal consumption products if they are being processed using the same facilities.
Water	2.5	Streamline the clauses relating to water.	The proposed changes are to improve the clarity of requirements for water and to be more outcome focussed. Whilst the management plans clauses have been removed, the requirements have been integrated into other clauses as appropriate. The first guidance box is used.
	2.5.7 (2)	To remove the requirement for water samplers to be trained by a recognised laboratory.	This allows for the water samplers to be trained e.g. in-house and it would be up to the RMP operator to provide evidence accordingly.
Compressed air	2.7 (1)	Remove the words “and external to the building”.	This allows for the situation where the air source being filtered is not directly from outside a building.
	2.7 (2)	Remove the requirement to use the ISO standard and requiring the D-G to approve any alternatives.	The proposed changes are to make the requirements more outcome focussed. The operator needs to determine the appropriate filtration for the purpose the air is being used.
Premises' maintenance and hygiene	3	Re-structured and re-named this Part (from Premises' hygiene and maintenance) to cover: a) Maintenance of premises, equipment and essential services; b) Approved maintenance compounds; and	Maintenance: The inclusion of these clauses expands on the regulations (AP Reg 11) and includes a scheduled maintenance programme and 'unscheduled' maintenance. These clauses should provide more specificity for



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		c) Cleaning and sanitation.	operators on what MPI expects and thus reduce non-compliances in this area. <i>Approved maintenance compounds:</i> The proposed changes are to improve the clarity around how approved maintenance compounds should be managed and used e.g. choosing the appropriate maintenance compound, minimising contamination, etc. <i>Cleaning and sanitation:</i> New clause on how cleaning and sanitation must be managed. The inclusion of this clause expands on the regulations (AP Reg 11) and to harmonize with the Codes.
		The current 3.2 Management of animal material etc. moved to the new Part 26 Storage.	
		Moved the current 3.3 Waste management to a new Part 31 Waste management.	
Health of personnel	4.2	Amending this Part: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> removal of the information relating to the Health Act 1956; and recognising the changes in Ministry of Health Communicable Disease Control Manual e.g. more illnesses mentioned in Appendix 2 which means the notice doesn't need to repeat these. 	Updated content to align with changes in Ministry of Health Communicable Disease Control Manual Appendix 2 i.e. more exclusion criteria has been included. http://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/publications/cd-manual-appendix-2-dec17.pdf
Competencies of key personnel	5.2	Increase the range of people that this clause applies to e.g. all personnel performing key tasks, not just those requiring a qualification from Schedule 3. Amend 'canned' to 'commercially sterilised' (Refer to 1.2 Definitions). Improve 1 (c) wording to clarify that a competent person(s) must be on site e.g. fish.	Ensure that all key personnel are competent to perform their required tasks. Commercial sterilisation better captures the outcome rather than be limited to 'canned'. Expectation of this clause has been misinterpreted at times and this will improve clarity.



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		Reduce dual operator butcher qualification requirements.	This improvement flexibility for competency for DOBs for food hygiene, allowing alternatives such as in-house training. New guidance box referring to the competency requirements for poultry to improve clarity.
Skills maintenance of key personnel and supervision	5.3	5.3 (2) has been removed as records are covered under 9.3 Record keeping.	Streamline the Notice requirements wherever possible and introduces the 'skills maintenance programme'. Refer to definition of programme.
Calibration of critical measuring equipment	6.2 (2)	Insertion of a new clause.	This ensures that a suitably skilled person or suitably skilled contractor that undertakes the calibration(s).
	6.2 (3)	Remove criteria (a) to (c).	Given that these criteria can be subjective, the proposal is to include the criteria as guidance.
Packaging	7.2	Removed the requirements for international standards for packaging and introduced the need for procedures for managing packaging. Inserted new clauses on managing packaging.	Recent reviews show that the intake of chemicals from plastics is well below maximum safety limits: http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/consumer/chemicals/foodpackaging/Pages/default.aspx https://www.mpi.govt.nz/food-safety/whats-in-our-food/chemicals-and-food/plastic-packaging/ The packaging standards have been inserted into a guidance box. New clauses have been introduced on minimising contamination both from packaging and to packaging to reduce any risk to animal material or animal product.
Labelling	8.2	This is a new clause that explains the general expectations on managing labelling. A new provision has been inserted to allow for changes to labelling or documentation after release from the RMP premises as long as it is under controlled conditions.	This harmonises with other Notices. Amending labelling or accompanying documentation may not always be practical at the originating premises e.g. product may have been moved to another location e.g. store.



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	8.3 (1)	Labelling or accompanying documentation is permitted for both transportation outers and bulk transportation units.	Provides a practical alternative whilst still providing the required information.
	8.3 (3)(d), 8.3 (4)	Proposal is to exclude fish oil requiring the scientific name of the fish in the product. New subclause that permits accompanying documentation as an alternative to the labelling of transport outers.	Most fish oil is not made from a single species. Provides a practical alternative whilst still providing the required information.
	8.4 (2)	This is a new clause that explains the expectations on managing labelling where it is not for human consumption.	To ensure there is a comparative labelling requirement like outer transportation units labels 8.3 (4).
	8.5 (2)	Changed the term from 'inspection legend' to 'official assurance legend'.	This improves consistency of terminology with the Export Requirements for Branding Marking and Security Devices 2012. A definition has also been added in 1.2 Definitions.
Documented programmes	9.2	This clause has been split into two, and definitions developed for 'document' and 'programme' – refer to 1.2 Definitions.	This amplifies the requirements already defined in the Animal Products (Risk Management Programme Specifications) Notice 2008.
Record keeping	9.3 (1), 9.3 (3)	This has been re-worded. This clause has been removed to Part 29 Identification and traceability.	This has been made more plain English. This is now covered under Part 29: Identification and traceability and mentioned in Part 26 Storage.
Movement of farmed animals	10.2		Note that 10.2 (1), (4), (8) to (11) cannot be amended at this time as the current Animal Products Regulations 2000 21A specifically references these clauses (infringements for NAIT). These are highlighted in yellow.
	10.2 (7)	This clause has been re-worded.	Consolidation of the clause layout to remove a floating sentence.
	10.2 (12), (14)	Included the requirements for the ASD form for farmed animals.	Forms can be managed separately from the Notice however the information that needs to be captured still needs to be legally described.
	10.2 (15)	Included the requirements for the ASD form for pigs.	
Supply of animal material	11.2 (6)	This is a new clause that permits the use of antigen vaccines without having to obtain approval from MPI.	The proposal is to reduce the obligation to apply to MPI for approval for vaccines. The use of antigen vaccines (except <i>Mycobacterium</i> antigen vaccines) in experiments etc. poses minimal risk to human and animal



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			health. The <i>Mycobacterium</i> antigens covers those vaccines used in the eradication of Johne's or TB.
Supplier statements for farmed animals	11.4		Note that 11.4 (1), (6) to (9) cannot be amended at this time as the current Animal Products Regulations 2000 21A specifically references these clauses (infringements for NAIT). These are highlighted in yellow. However, Legal Services is permitting the deletion of Schedule 5.
Supply of Poultry	11.5 (1)	Included approved maintenance compounds. This has also been included in 1.2 Definitions 'whole flock health scheme'.	Captures that only approved maintenance compounds are to be used in sheds e.g. insecticides.
	11.5 (2), (3)	Included the requirements for the supplier statement for poultry.	Forms can be managed separately from the Notice however the information that needs to be captured still needs to be legally described.
Supply of killed wild animals and game estate mammals including live possums	12	Consolidate the common elements of killed wild animals and killed game estate mammals. The movement of clauses has been tracked and the legal details of statements included.	11.8 to 11.23 have been consolidated as there are a lot of common elements for the certified supplier and the certified game estate supplier. This has reduced the duplication of requirements and aligned supplier requirements.
	12.2 (6)	New clause on surrendering certification for a supplier.	This new clause explains on how a certified supplier or game estate supplier may surrender their certification. It was moved from 1.2 Definitions for certified supplier or game estate supplier. The harvesting of wild birds has been included in this Notice.
	12.3 (6)	Remove this clause.	There is no need to repeat the requirement for records being kept for 4 years as this is already stipulated in 9.3 (2)(b).
	12.9	New certified supplier statement for wild birds	This is a new statement as a result of including the harvesting of wild birds in this Notice.
	12.5 (4)	New clause that permits animals in a sanctuary can be taken up to e.g. impassable fence line.	This permits animals to be taken with 2 km of the poison operation for 2 nd generation VTA in a sanctuary. Note definition for sanctuary in 1.2 Defintions.



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Supply of farmed mammals that have become feral and then killed	13	The proposal is to shift the onus from the farmer applying to MPI for permission, to the certified supplier or certified game estate supplier managing the process. The clauses align with other supplier statements in this Notice.	Most of the current cross checks by MPI as part of 'Application Form AP24: Supply of animal material from farmed mammals that have become feral' are already covered in the certified supplier's Operations Manual. The proposal is to replace the existing AP24 with a new certified supplier form, in line with other supplier forms, called 'Supplier Statement for the Supply of Farmed Mammals that have Become Feral and then been Killed for Human Consumption'. This new process does not involve any application costs. The current system of MPI signing approvals provides no additional assurance/benefit.
	13.4 (1)	This clause has been re-worded.	Consolidation of the clause layout to remove a floating sentence.
Preparation of killed wild animals, game estate mammals, and farmed mammals that have become feral and then been killed	14	This Part has been reworded.	As a result of consolidation certified suppliers and certified game estate suppliers have been included throughout this Part, and also wild birds has been added in (refer Part 12).
	14.2	New guidance boxes are included.	It would be optional to have the heads attached to wild birds but they would not be expected to be eviscerated. The definition for wild birds has been repeated here for convenience.
	14.3 (4)	Removed this clause.	This is already covered in 27.3 Hygiene for transport.
	14.3 (4)(c)	This subclause has been removed.	It is proposed that all carcasses of rabbits, hares, wallabies and wild birds are refrigerated and delivered within 24 hours whether they are eviscerated or not.
Supply of fish	16.2 (1)	New clause inserted on managing live fish.	This new clause clarifies the need for live fish to remain in a live state during a journey and will also harmonise with the Seafood Operational Code.
	16.2 (5)	Included the requirements for the supplier statement form for fish. New guidance box that references the supplier statement.	Forms can be managed separately from the Notice however the information that needs to be captured still needs to be described. A direct link to the application form or how to search for on the MPI website will be helpful for some readers.



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	16.2 (7)	New clause that requires the operator to use the 'NZ List of Scientific Names of Fish'.	Operators are now required to use these scientific names. The list is also incorporated by reference (1.1 Incorporation of Material by Reference).
Animal material depots	17.2	Reworded Animal material depots clause as General requirements	Re-worded to better reflect a plain English style.
	17.2 (6)	Remove this clause.	There is no need to repeat the requirement for records being kept for 4 years as this is already stipulated in 9.3 (2)(b).
	17.3	New guidance box that references AP19 Animal Material Depot Listing.	Includes a hyperlink so that operators can click on the link to go directly to the form.
	17.4	New clause for the D-G to be able to impose conditions.	This clause aligns with provisions in other Notices.
Primary processing operations	19	Consolidate requirements and any exceptions are specified.	13.3 to 13.37 of the current Notice have been consolidated as there are a lot of common elements for operator requirements (exceptions are included). This has improved the alignment of operator requirements. This has reduced the total number of pages by 9. References such as the Food Hygiene Regulations has been updated to the Food Act 2014.
	19.3 (8)	Remove this clause.	There is no need to repeat the requirement for records being kept for 4 years as this is already stipulated in 9.3 (2)(b).
	19.4 (h)	Remove this clause.	There is no need to repeat the requirement for records being kept for 4 years as this is already stipulated in 9.3 (2)(b).
	19.6 (4)	Remove this clause.	There is no need to repeat the requirement for records being kept for 4 years as this is already stipulated in 9.3 (2)(b).
	19.8 (3)(c)	Remove this clause.	There is no need to repeat the requirement for records being kept for 4 years as this is already stipulated in 9.3 (2)(b).
	19.9 (2)	Included a new clause for developing and implementing procedures.	This new clause comes from the Branding Notice 2006 (being revoked by this Notice).
	19.9 (7)	New clause for salvaging thyroid tissue.	This new clause introduces this as a requirement as thyroid tissue is not to be collected for human consumption as the thyroid tissue has a risk of harmful residues.



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	19.13 (13)	New clause for managing dropped product.	This new clause introduces this as a requirement and aligns with Codes.
	19.13 (14)	New clause for monitoring performance.	This clause introduces the requirement for monitoring performance to align with Codes.
	19.14 (2), (4)	Included new clauses from the Limited Vessel RCS.	It is planned that the Limited Vessel RCS will be revoked under the Regulatory Redesign project and so it is opportune to make these changes with the revision of this Notice.
	19.15	New guidance box for branding meat that ends up on the domestic market	Clarifies that branding on domestic market meat is permissible.
	19.16	New clause for identification of carcasses transported for rendering or petfood	This aligns with the Animal Consumption Specifications 2017 4.4 (2).
	19.17 (2)	Removed 'Loadout' from the table title.	This clarifies that that the maximum critical preservation temperatures do not apply to loadout.
	19.17 (6)	Clause has been reworded.	Re-worded to better reflect a plain English style.
	19.17 (7)	New clause to allow for temperature fluctuation up to - 7°C during discharge and transport.	This permits some practical flexibility without affecting food safety.
Avian eggs	19.17 (8)	Reworded clause.	More plain English style.
	20.2 (1)(a)	Inclusion of definition of whole flock health scheme into the sentence.	To provide better clarity on the term 'whole flock health scheme' as it's proposed to include approved maintenance compounds (1.2 Definitions).
	20.2 (3)	New clause for affected eggs being treated or exposed to agricultural compounds.	This captures where birds may have been treated and there is a risk that e.g. an MRL or MPL is exceeded. This aligns with other animal products.
	20.3 (1)(e)	New clause for shelf life of 35 days at room temperature.	New science has shown the existing shelf life times/temperatures for clean un-cracked eggs provides no extra benefit from a food safety perspective - thus it is pertinent to include this new shelf life in this Notice.
		New guidance box inserted.	A company would need to validate any proposed shelf life for table eggs that is different from 35 days at room temperature. The guidance document provides assistance for operators to achieve this.



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	20.5	New subclause for wash water temperature.	This has been inserted to support the new shelf life of 35 days at room temperature for clean un-cracked eggs.
	20.6	New guidance box referencing the RMP Operators Resource Toolkit.	
Honey and other bee products	21.1	New guidance box inserted.	Definitions are provided here for 'apiarist' and 'beekeeper' that are located in other legal instruments.
	21.3	New general clause for all bee products that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processing honey as soon as possible; • Frames free from visible contamination; • Refrigeration undertaken as soon as possible. 	Processing and refrigeration (where applicable) as soon as possible reduces the risk of microbial proliferation and degradation of the bee product. This formalises current best practice and harmonises with the Operational Code for Processing Bee Products.
	21.4	New additional clause specific to comb honey, in addition to 21.3.	This formalises current best practice and harmonises with the Operational Code for Processing Bee Products.
	21.5	New additional clause specific to pollen, in addition to 21.3. New guidance box referencing the RMP Operators Resource Toolkit.	This formalises current best practice and harmonises with the Operational Code for Processing Bee Products.
Tallow	22.2 (3)	This clause has been combined with 22.2 (2).	Plain English approach.
Mechanically separated animal product	22.6 (3)	New clause for hot boned mechanically separated meat.	Allows operators to save hot boned mechanically separated meat.
	22.6 (4)	New clause for monitoring performance.	Monitoring performance will provide the opportunity to improve the process and monitor trends.
Dual operator butchers	23.5 (1)	Reworded this clause and moved the words of the 'notice' into in a guidance box.	This allows for some flexibility of the wording of the notice and a second example has been included in the guidance box.
Bivalve molluscan shellfish	24	14.13 to 14.34 have been consolidated into one Part.	Plain English approach.
	24.2	Amended 'Testing' to 'Laboratory testing'.	Alignment of wording throughout the Notice.
	24.3	Re-worded this clause.	Plain English approach.
	24.11 (5)	This clause has been re-worded.	Consolidation of the clause layout to remove a floating sentence.
	24.12 (1)(c)	Insertion into this subclause of '...zone or an unclassified...'.	Updated from the new BMS Specifications Notice.



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Listeria requirements for processors of certain ready-to-eat animal products	25.1	Removed this clause.	Commencement of this Part is no longer required.
	25.3	Amended Testing to Laboratory testing.	Alignment of wording throughout the Notice for 'testing'.
	25.4	The keeping of training records has been removed. New guidance box referencing Part 5: Competency and Training of Key Personnel and removal of clause that states training records must be kept.	The keeping of records is covered in Part 9 Documented Programmes and Record Keeping. Provides a link to the general requirements for competency and training that should also be met by an operator.
Storage	26	New Part that covers general requirements and refrigerated storage. Inserted new guidance boxes.	This formalises current best practice and harmonises with the Codes.
	26.4	Inserted clause 3.2 from the current Notice into this Part.	Clarifies the need to prevent inadvertent release of unsuitable animal material entering the food chain.
Transportation	27.2	Transport depots as a term has been included. Also refer to 1.2 Definitions. More specificity has been included into the requirements.	This aligns with other notices and formalises current best practice, including preservation temperatures.
	27.3	Removed 'maintenance'.	Maintenance is covered in Part 3 Premises Maintenance and Hygiene.
	27.4 (1), (6)	New clauses describing minimising the most likely risks. New guidance box inserted.	This harmonises with the approach from other Notices and Codes. New guidance box gives examples of how substitution or adulteration can be prevented.
	27.5	New clause describing how preservation temperatures are to be managed. New guidance box referencing the RMP Operator Resource Toolkit.	This harmonises with the approach from other Notices and Codes.
Operator verification	28	New Part that covers requirements for operator verification (APA 17 (2)(b)). New guidance box referencing the RMP Operator Resource Toolkit.	Clarify expectations for best practice and harmonises with the Codes.



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Identification and traceability	29	New Part that covers requirements for identification and traceability (AP Reg 18, 19). New guidance box referencing the RMP Operator Resource Toolkit.	Clarify expectations for best practice and harmonises with the Codes.
Pest control	30	New Part that covers requirements for pest control (AP Reg 11). New guidance box referencing the RMP Operator Resource Toolkit.	Clarify expectations for best practice and harmonises with the Codes.
Waste management	31	New Part created from the existing notice 3.3 Waste Management from as a result of restructuring Part 3 Premises' Hygiene and Maintenance.	Clarify expectations for best practice and harmonises with the Codes. Clarify that waste covers more than just for animals requiring post-mortem and preventing mistaken for fraudulent release. Guidance on waste streams should help operators identify any hazards who use waste from a process as an input.
Non-complying product	32	New Part that covers requirements for non-complying product (APA 17 (2)(ba) & (c)). New guidance box referencing recall guidance and the RMP Operator Resource Toolkit.	Clarify expectations for best practice and harmonises with the Codes.
Revocations	44	Removed.	This Part is no longer required.
Transitional provisions	45	Removed.	This Part is no longer required.
Schedule 1	2	Water Supply Assessment Checklist removed.	This is now located in the RMP Operator Resource Toolkit.
Schedule 2	3	This clause has been re-worded.	Consolidation of the clause layout to remove a floating sentence.
Schedule 3	2 (1) (d) – (g)	New unit standards for fish handling and hygiene.	A current list of the unit standards available.
	2 (2)	This requirement has been expanded to include equivalent competency examples.	Clarification on what some equivalent examples for competency could be met as an alternative to 2 (1).
	5 (1)(a)	Remove the reference to Solutions in Seafood Ltd, New Zealand	This course is no longer available through this training provider.
Schedule 5		Removed	This schedule is no longer required with the removal of the forms from the Notice (onto the MPI website).

