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Contaminant Monitoring and Surveillance

1 July 2021

TITLE

Animal Products Notice: Contaminant Monitoring and Surveillance

COMMENCEMENT

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 1 July 2021

REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces the Animal Products Notice: Contaminant Monitoring and Surveillance issued on 22 June 2020.

ISSUING AUTHORITY

This Animal Products Notice is issued under section 167(2) of the Animal Products Act 1999 and regulation 9 of the Animal Products (Regulated Control Scheme – Contaminant Monitoring and Surveillance) Regulations 2004 for the purpose of supplementing the Animal Products (Regulated Control Scheme – Contaminant Monitoring and Surveillance) Regulations 2004.

Dated at Wellington this 1st day of July 2021.

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Introduction

This introduction is not part of the Animal Products Notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to notify the sampling regimes for animal material and animal products for the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) National Chemical Residues Programme.

Background

The National Chemical Residues Programme is established under the Animal Products Act 1999 for official monitoring, surveillance and surveys of animal material and products. The primary objectives are:

- a) to provide confidence to domestic consumers and export markets about the quality, safety, and integrity of New Zealand animal products in relation to dietary exposure, residue, and contaminant standards; and
- b) to confirm whether the MPI system for the control of residues and contaminants is working as designed.

The National Chemical Residue Programme commenced in 1999 and is operated under the Animal Products (Regulated Control Scheme – Contaminant Monitoring and Surveillance) Regulations 2004. Samples are collected from randomly selected and targeted healthy live and slaughtered animals. The samples are tested for a wide range of residues and contaminants at recognised laboratories contracted to MPI for the provision of testing services.

The results of the National Chemical Residues Programme are used to verify that animal products produced for human consumption comply with New Zealand and importing country residues and contaminants requirements.

Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

You should read this notice if you are:

- a) supplying mammals, fish or birds for primary processing intended for human consumption;
- b) supplying wild animals, including wild mammals, game estate animals and farmed mammals that have become feral and then been killed, for processing intended for human consumption;
- c) an animal product officer;
- d) an official assessor;
- e) an observer appointed under section 223 of the Fisheries Act 1996;
- f) acting under the direction of an animal product officer; or
- g) a competent person within the meaning of the Animal Products (Regulated Control Scheme – Contaminant Monitoring and Surveillance) Regulations 2004.

Why is this important?

The National Chemical Residue Programme is required to provide confidence to domestic consumers and for the provision of official assurances for export animal products included in this notice. For the purposes of section 135(1)(c) of the Animal Products Act 1999, a failure to comply with this notice, without reasonable excuse, is an offence.

Document history

Version Date	Section(s) Changed	Change(s) Description
1 July 2021	Schedule 1 Part 1: Requirements	Sampling regime updated Clause 1.1(1)(a) deleted Clause 1.2 competent person definition deleted Clause 1.2 recognised laboratory definition deleted Clause 1.2 test definition deleted Clauses 1.3(2)-(4) deleted Clause 1.4(4) deleted Clause 1.5(1) deleted

This Animal Products Notice replaces the Animal Products Notice: Contaminant Monitoring and Surveillance issued on 22 June 2020.

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Part 1: Requirements

1.1 Application

- (1) This notice applies to:
- a) animal product officers;
 - b) official assessors;
 - c) observers appointed under section 223 of the Fisheries Act 1996;
 - d) persons authorised by the Director-General for the purposes of taking samples for monitoring, surveillance or survey programmes specified in Parts 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 of Schedule 1 of the Regulations; and
 - e) competent persons within the meaning of regulation 6(1) of the Regulations.

1.2 Definitions

- (1) In this notice, unless the context otherwise requires:
- Regulations** mean the Animal Products (Regulated Control Scheme – Contaminant Monitoring and Surveillance) Regulations 2004.
- (2) All terms or expressions that are defined in the Animal Products Act 1999 or regulations made under that Act and used, but not defined, in this notice, have the same meaning as in that Act or those regulations.

1.3 Sampling regime

- (1) The sampling regime specified in Schedule 1 to this notice applies from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

1.4 Competent persons

- (1) All animal product officers are competent persons for the purpose of taking samples for monitoring, surveillance or survey programmes specified in Parts 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 of Schedule 1 of the Regulations.
- (2) All official assessors are competent persons for the purposes of taking samples from a class of animal material or animal product for monitoring, surveillance or survey programmes specified in Parts 2, 3, 4 or 5 of Schedule 1 of the Regulations.
- (3) All observers, appointed under section 223 of the Fisheries Act 1996, are competent persons for the purposes of taking samples from a class of animal material or animal product for monitoring, surveillance or survey programmes specified in Part 5 of Schedule 1 of the Regulations.

Schedule 1: Sampling regime

Number of samples by animal class and substances monitored

Substances	Farmed cattle (live)	Farmed cattle	Farmed sheep	Farmed goats	Farmed deer	Farmed ostriches and emus	Farmed pigs	Farmed poultry, turkeys, and ducks	Farmed salmon	Fish other than farmed fish	Wild animals	Casings
Stilbenes, steroids, resorcylic acid lactones and mycotoxins	60	100	100	25	75	1		15	15			
Thyrostats		60	15	15								
Beta agonists	60	100	100	25	75	1	15					
Chloramphenicol		100	100	25	75	1			5			5
Nitrofurans									5			5
Nitroimidazoles								15	5			5
Antibacterial substances		175	100	25	75	1	15	15	48			
Anthelmintics		100	100	25	75				18			
Anticoccidials		100	100	25			15	15				
Pesticides and environmental contaminants		100	100	25	75		15	15	12	3		
Sedatives					15				15			
Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)		100	100	25	75							
Other pharmacologically active substances: carbadox							15					
Chemical elements		15	15	15	15				9	15	15	
Dyes									9			
Sodium fluoroacetate		100	100	25	75						15	
Anticoagulants		100	100	25	75		60				60	