



Animal Products Notice: Specifications for Products Intended for Human Consumption

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1 Background

The purpose of the Animal Products Notice: Specifications for Products Intended for Human Consumption is to give effect to and as necessary amplify the standards regarding products intended for human consumption under the Animal Products Regulations 2000.

This Notice, which was first issued in 2000, applies to operators and other specified persons involved in the supply and processing of animal product for human consumption. The Notice has been reviewed and a number of amendments made. The Notice has also been reformatted to meet the requirements of the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) Requirements and Guidance Programme. As a result of the reformatting, all clause numbering has changed. A reference table has been created listing the old and new numbering to assist you when updating any clause numbering in your risk management programme (RMP).

The key amendments to this Notice are:

- removing the need for earmarks for animals treated with Johne's disease vaccine
- specific requirements for the management of listeria for certain processors of chilled ready-to-eat animal products
- additional requirements for egg layer farms and egg processors
- updating terminology for the use of veterinary medicines to align with the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Act 1999
- clarifying the requirements for listing animal material depots
- changes to the wording in relation to processing farmed mammals, to align with the work being undertaken on the Operational Procedures
- traceability requirements for RMP operators dealing with deer antler
- including the species that are considered game estate animals
- changes to the requirements for processing casings and mechanically separated meat
- providing for animal status declarations to be submitted electronically and clarifying the record keeping requirements
- clarifying that aseptic processing and packaging is included within the scope of low acid canned foods and incorporating a Codex Alimentarius code for aseptic processing
- including additional courses for canners and aseptic processors to meet the competency requirements
- updating the requirements for bivalve molluscan shellfish (BMS)
- Including a second version of the ASD with the TBfree logo. Either version can be used.

2 Cancellation

This Notice revokes and replaces the:

- Animal Products (Specifications for Products Intended for Human Consumption) Notice 2013
- Notice of animals to be treated as game estate animals dated the 26th of May 2003
- Approved Testing Methodologies Animal Products (Specifications for Products Intended for Human Consumption) Notice 2004 issued on 14 May 2004
- Approved Laboratories Animal Products (Specifications for Products Intended for Human Consumption) Notice 2004 issued on 14 May 2004, pursuant to sections 45 and 167 of the Animal Products Act 1999.

3 Implementation

The requirements in this Notice will come into effect on 1 April 2016, other than Part 15 which applies to *Listeria* management and has a staggered implementation starting in October 2016.

These amendments will not require a significant amendment. However, you must ensure that your RMP is updated to incorporate the amendments and if you have used the old clause numbering in your RMP you will need to make sure these are also updated.

One of the more significant amendments (Part 15) requires procedures for *listeria* management for processors of certain chilled ready-to-eat products. For processors, this comes into effect on 1 October 2016. You will need to ensure these requirements are in place by this date (if not sooner). Most (if not all) processors already have procedures for *listeria* management and so this should be a matter of confirming that the detail in the Notice has been addressed, and filling any gaps where this is not the case. Your verifier will review these procedures at the next scheduled visit following the implementation date. The Part 15 requirements that apply to certain dual operator butchers (DOBs) have a staggered implementation, the first date being 1 April 2017 and a further implementation date on 1 April 2018. MPI is in the process of developing resources to assist you with the implementation of this Part.

In relation to the forms in schedule 5 paragraphs d) to i) and that were in effect under the 2013 Notice, these can continue to be used until 1 August 2016. From that date the new forms must be used. The affected forms are:

- Certified Supplier Statement for the Supply of Wild Mammal Material for Human Consumption.
- Certified Supplier Statement for the Supply of Live Possums for Human Consumption.
- Certified Game Estate Supplier Statement for the Supply of Game Estate Mammals for Human Consumption.
- Supplier Statement for the Supply of Poultry for Slaughter for Human Consumption.
- Supplier Statement for the Supply of Farmed Fish for Human Consumption (other than Bivalve Molluscan Shellfish).
- Poison Use Statement.

(Signed)

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