



Discussion Document on the update of the RCS Templates for the Transport and Handling of Animal Material and Product and an RMP template for Transport of Dairy Material and Dairy Products

Purpose of the Update:

To update the following existing documents associated with the transportation and handling (including at wharves) of animal material and product, including dairy material and dairy products.

- Draft RCS Template for the Transport of Animal Material and Product
- Draft RCS Template for Handling Animal Material and Product at Wharves
- Draft RMP Template for the Transport of Dairy Material and Dairy Products

Background:

[The Animal Products Notice: Regulated Control Scheme – Transportation and Handling of Products for Export with an Official Assurance 2018](#) and [the Animal Products Notice: Export Requirements for Transportation of Products for Export with an Official Assurance](#) was published in May 2018 and its requirements comes into effect on the 1st August 2018. These two new Notices replaces 3 existing Notices relating to transportation and handling (including at wharves) of relevant goods (i.e. animal material and products). There is now more focus on traceability and security of relevant goods in particular.

The new Notices have requirements for transportation and handling (including at wharves) of relevant goods and additional requirements for the transportation of refrigerated relevant goods. The RCS Notice covers relevant goods transported and handled by road, rail, air or sea, and includes transport by courier. More information on the recently published Notices can be found [here](#).

The updated templates will reflect the requirements under this notice and are developed using the new style of template. Key changes to the existing templates are shown by yellow highlighting in the 3 documents.

The current templates are available on this [webpage](#).

Summary of changes for the RMP and RCS templates:

1. The current templates are called: [The Transport RCS template – Transport of Animal Material and Product](#), [the Transport RMP template – Transport of Dairy Material and Product](#) and [the RCS template – Handling of Animal Material and Product at Wharves](#) and these have been transferred into a new style of template.
2. The proposed draft RMP and RCS templates are published as a pdf for this consultation, however when the final versions are published operators will be able to select or type in information in the appropriate spaces. The rest of the content will be locked down.
3. Note that the template style is currently being finalised and hence the final version of the templates to be published after the consultation period may have a slightly different style.
4. The major changes are the addition of few additional supporting systems into the templates and the legal requirements under the recent RCS notice, but the inclusion of supporting

systems such as Personnel Health and Hygiene and Operator Verification will be a significant improvement for these operators.

5. The proposed draft RCS templates has the additional requirements for the transportation of refrigerated relevant goods (e.g. transshipment time for refrigerated relevant goods)
6. RMP and RCS templates are pre-approved by MPI and reduce costs for (new) operators e.g. there is no evaluation step for those processes/activities covered in scope of the template.
7. Operators currently registered under RMP template for the Transport of Dairy Material and Dairy Products do not need to change into the new template as there is no major changes to the content of the template.
8. Operators currently using an RCS template will need to change to the new template not only because of more supporting systems are included but because the Animal Products Notices references have also changed in the templates.
9. Operators who are registered under the RCS imposed by the Animal Products (Regulated Control Scheme – Handling of Animal Products and Animal Material at Wharves) Notice 2010 are deemed to be registered under this RCS until the close of the anniversary of the operator's registration under the 2010 Notice that first falls after 1 August 2018. For more guidance, refer to [the Animal Products Notice: Regulated Control Scheme – Transportation and Handling of Products for Export with an Official Assurance 2018](#).

Other documents:

RMP/RCS operated Transport and Wharves specific forms are now available in the [RMP Operators Resource Toolkit](#) as well as other generic forms/procedures for operators to use.

What happens next?

All submissions will be considered after consultation has closed. A summary of submissions and analysis will be sent to all submitters and posted on the MPI website in due course. The new templates could be in place a few weeks after consultation has closed.