



# Animal Products Notice

## Export Requirements for Official Devices

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Animal Products Notice: Export Requirements for Official Devices

## COMMENCEMENT

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on [Effective Date]

## REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces the:

- a) MAF Manual 15 Approvals Brands Inspection Legend Material – Container Seals
- b) Animal Products – Official Devices Programme: Interim Requirements, and Guidance for Operator Seal use
- c) Animal Products Notice - Official Devices: NZFSA Container Seals
- d) Animal Products Approval Notice - Amending Carton Seals and Intervention Seals
- e) Animal Products (Export Requirements for Branding, Marking, and Security Devices) Notice 2012.
- f) Technical Directive 00/41 – Control of Brands, Seals and Legend Bearing Packaging Material in Export Establishments

The following FYIs have been incorporated into this document as guidance and cancelled:

- a) F1-07 Carton Seals

## ISSUING AUTHORITY

This Animal Products Notice is issued under section 167(1) of the Animal Products Act 1999 for the purposes of sections 60, 158(1) and 158(3) of that Act.

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## Introduction

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

## Purpose

This notice is issued for the purposes of ensuring appropriate controls and management around official devices used for the identification, differentiation and security of animal material, animal products and live animals exported with official assurances.

## Background

The Director-General of the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is authorised under the Animal Products Act 1999 (the Act) to issue an official assurance in respect of animal material and animal products. An official assurance is a general statement to a foreign government, or an agent of a foreign government, attesting that the animal material or animal product being exported to them is fit for purpose, meet New Zealand standards and any additional standards agreed between the foreign government and New Zealand. An official assurance is generally issued in the form of an export certificate.

When animal material and animal products are exported with an export certificate, it is important that the condition and integrity of such material and products are secured and maintained during the entire journey from the premises of final control in New Zealand to the export destination. This ensures that the animal material and animal products received by the foreign government are as stated in the export certificate and any associated conditions are consistent with the stated assurances.

In relation to the above purposes, the Director-General of MPI is authorised by the Act to specify or approve systems and devices for the identification, differentiation, or security of animal material and animal products. This notice specifies and approves:

- a) systems and devices providing for the identification, differentiation, or security of animal material, animal products, premises or places, and associated things;
- b) persons who may operate or apply such systems and devices;
- c) persons who may manufacture identification, differentiation, and security systems and devices, and the security of the processes used to manufacture them; and
- d) conditions of use and security of the identification systems or devices.

## Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

This notice applies to persons and things set out in clause 1.1 of this notice.

Dairy operators who operate or apply a system or device approved or specified under this notice should be aware of their obligations as set out under regulation 32(2) of the [Animal Products \(Dairy\) Regulations 2005](#).

Non-dairy animal product operators who operate or apply a system or device approved or specified under this notice should be aware of their obligations as set out under regulation 26(2) of the [Animal Products Regulations 2000](#).

Manufacturers of a system or device approved or specified under this notice should be aware of their obligations as set out under regulation 32(3) of the [Animal Products \(Dairy\) Regulations 2005](#) and regulation 26(3) of the [Animal Products Regulations 2000](#).

## Why is this important?

Pursuant to section 127(1) (c) of the Act, a person commits an offence who, with intent to deceive and for the purpose of obtaining any material benefit or avoiding any material detriment, falsifies, removes, misuses, alters, misapplies, misrepresents, or fails to apply any identification, differentiation, or security system or device specified, or approved, or required under this notice.

A person who commits an offence is liable on conviction:

- a) in the case of a body corporate, to a fine not exceeding \$500,000; or
- b) in the case of an individual, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years and a fine not exceeding \$100,000.

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## Other information

The information contained within a border throughout this document is for guidance and is not part of the statutory requirements.

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## Part 1: Preliminary Requirements

### 1.1 Application

- (1) This notice applies to:
  - a) all animal material and animal products for export; and
  - b) all operators of Risk Management Programmes, Regulated Control Schemes or Export Approved Premises, insofar as they process or export animal material and animal products referred to in paragraph (a); and
  - c) systems and devices providing for the identification, differentiation, or security of animal material, animal products, premises or places, and associated things; and
  - d) all persons who operate or apply systems and devices referred to in paragraph (c); and
  - e) all persons who manufacture systems and devices referred to in paragraph (c); and
  - f) recognised agencies or persons carrying out Risk Management Programme (RMP) or official assurance verification activities for those operators mentioned in paragraph (b).
- (2) Where country specific export requirements require a higher level of control than any requirements prescribed under this notice, those country specific requirements apply.

### 1.2 Definitions

- (1) In this notice, unless the context otherwise requires:

**Act** means the Animal Products Act 1999;

**approved brand** means a symbol or mark meeting the specifications set out in clause 13.3 of this notice, which is applied to a carcass and indicates the carcass has undergone a post-mortem examination and is confirmed as fit for human consumption;

**approved carton seal** means a rectangular adhesive strip meeting the specifications set out in clause 13.4 of this notice, used for the purposes of providing tamper evidence to transportation outers that contain animal products;

**approved carton seal tape** means adhesive tape meeting the specifications set out in clause 13.4 of this notice, used for the purposes of providing tamper evidence to transportation outers that contain animal products;

**approved container seal** means seals meeting the specifications set out in Part 14 of this notice, used to secure the doors or other closures of transportation outers, cargo containers, ships holds and the like, and are used to support official assurances or transfer documentation;

**approved intervention seal** means a serially numbered, adhesive sticker meeting the specifications set out in clause 13.5 of this notice, used to indicate that the transportation outer to which the seal is attached was opened by an animal products officer or official assurance verifier;

**approved manufacturer** means a person approved by the Director-General under Part 15 of this notice for the manufacture and supply of official devices;

**approved reduced size official assurance legend (approved reduced size legend)** means any image of an official assurance legend, applied to packaging or labelling, that is equal to or less than half the dimensions of the full size legend format and meets the specifications set out in clause 13.2 of this notice;

**approved tamper evident seal** means a serially numbered, adhesive sticker meeting the specifications set out in clause 13.6 of this notice, used to seal transportation outers and airfreight containers in a tamper evident manner;

**authorised person** means a person designated by the Director-General under section 65 of the Act as an authorised person for the purpose of issuing official assurances and for withdrawing and reissuing official assurances under section 64 of the Act;

**branding tool** means the tool which is used to create a brand;

**branded** means the application of the official assurance legend directly onto animal products by using a branding tool, and **branding** has a corresponding meaning;

**consumer packs** means packs of commercial product intended for direct retail sale;

**device** includes a device that whether or not also serving identification or differentiation purposes, may also operate as a security device to prevent or hinder tampering with any identification device, container, packaging, or the contents of the container or packaging;

**export approved premises (EAP)** means a premises which is approved under the Animal Products Notice: Export Approved Premises or any notice that replaces that notice;

**germplasm** means embryos, semen and ova;

**high security seal** means a seal that is constructed and manufactured of material such as metal or metal cable with the intent to delay intrusion;

**ISO17712** means ISO17712:2013 or any ISO standard that replaces this standard;

**meat** means all parts of an animal that are intended for, or have been judged as safe and suitable for, human consumption;

**materials used in production of official devices** means dies and all software and hardware used on the premises for the control and generation of the official assurance legend;

**MPI** means the Ministry for Primary Industries;

**official assurance legend** means a mark of inspection or fitness for purpose approved - for the class of animal product concerned - under this notice. Under previous legislation, the official assurance legend was known as an inspection legend;

**official assurance verifier (OA verifier)** means a person recognised under section 103 of the Act to undertake official assurance verification and includes an animal product officer employed by the MPI Verification Services; and **verifier** has a corresponding meaning;

**official device** means an brand, branding tool, carton seal, intervention seal, reduced size legend, or any other official assurance legend bearing device approved for use by the Director-General under this notice; and official container seals or any other security seal or device approved by the Director-General, in accordance with this notice;

**officially marked** means branded, or the use of cartons seals and / or reduced size legend on the packaging and labelling of animal products, and **official marking** has a corresponding meaning;

**overseas market access requirements (OMAR)** means an export requirement specific to an identified overseas market or markets;

**pet food** means all animal products intended to be used for feeding to companion animals (generally this means cats and dogs, but can include other carnivorous or omnivorous animals kept as pets) and includes animal products to be used in the manufacture of pet food. This definition includes nutritional supplements. This definition excludes rendered meals and tallow, unless incorporated into finished or partially processed product;

**reduced size legend** means either the approved reduced size official assurance legend or the uncontrolled reduced size legend;

**repacking** means the removal of all packaging from a product, thus exposing the product to air, and the subsequent replacement with new packaging material.

**RCS** means a regulated control scheme issued under Part 3 of the Act;

**RMP** means a risk management programme that is currently registered under [Part 2](#) of the Act;

**RMP premises** means a premises operating under an RMP;

**security seal** means a seal that is constructed and manufactured of material that provides limited resistance to intrusion and requires lightweight tools for removal.

**transportation outer** means;

- a) the outer packaging used to protect animal products during transport and distribution but which is not normally part of the packaging that is sold or distributed to the consumer, and
- b) the outer container used to constrain and protect live animals and germplasm during transport to the destination country.

**uncontrolled reduced size legend** means information used to mark packaging or labelling, that meets the requirements set out in clause 5.3 of this notice.

- (2) Any term or expression that is defined in the Act or regulations made under that Act and used, but not defined, in this notice has the same meaning as in that Act or regulations.

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## Part 2: General Requirements for Use of Official Devices

### 2.1 Use of official devices

- (1) Official devices must only be used in association with animal material and animal products in accordance with this notice, other export requirements issued under the Act or where otherwise required to obtain an official assurance.
- (2) No persons may use official devices other than;
  - a) operators operating under a registered RMP or RCS; or
  - b) operators of EAP; or
  - c) registered exporters; or
  - d) OA verifiers; or
  - e) animal product officers; or
  - f) authorised persons
- (3) No operators or registered exporters may use an official device other than a reduced size legend unless:
  - a) the device, or in the case of brands the branding tool, has been allocated to their premises by:
    - i) MPI Verification Services; or
    - ii) the OA verifier of the premises; or
  - b) the operator is deemed to be an approved manufacturer of the device.
- (4) No person may use an official device bearing the official assurance legend on products and packaging of products unless:
  - a) the product is derived from animal material that has been subjected to ante and/or post mortem examination and is confirmed as fit for human consumption.
- (5) For the avoidance of doubt no person may use an official device on home kill meat.
- (6) Despite sub clause 1 to 3, nothing in this notice prohibits the use of a tamper evident seal where the use is approved and specified under Section 291 of the Food Act.

### 2.2 Official marking of animal products for human food

- (1) All operators processing meat for export as human food must ensure if derived from mammals, ostriches or emus the product is officially marked prior to leaving the control of the operator.
- (2) Official marking as required by sub clause (1) must be carried out using one or more of the following methods:
  - a) applying an approved brand directly to the surface of the animal product in line with the requirements in Part 3 of this notice; or
  - b) the application of an approved carton seal or approved carton seal tape to the transportation outer in line with Part 4 of this notice; or
  - c) using the reduced size legend (approved or uncontrolled) on labelling, or on inner packaging that is directly contacting the animal product, in line with the requirements in Part 5 of this notice.
- (3) Where multiple methods of marking are used as permitted by sub clause (2) the operator must ensure that the same RMP identifier appears on all official assurance legends related to the product.

#### Guidance

- Sub clause 3 is particularly relevant when recartoning or repacking product.

## Part 3: Part 3: Requirements for Use of Brands

### 3.1 Application

- (1) This part applies to animal material which are subject to ante and/or post mortem examination.

### 3.2 Branding of animal material and animal products

- (1) No persons other than those operating under a RMP may use approved brands or approved branding tools.
- (2) All operators must ensure that where branding is carried out:
  - a) branding occurs only after post mortem examination where the carcass has been assessed as fit for human consumption; and
  - b) the brand is created using an approved branding tool; and
  - c) the brand is legible and complies with the specification for the approved oval brand set out in clause 13.3 of this notice; and
  - d) the brand displays the official number of the RMP premises where post mortem examination occurred; and
  - e) where ink is used to create the brand the colour of the ink is chocolate brown unless export requirements of the importing country specify an alternate colour, in which case the colour specified in the export requirements must be used; and
  - f) a minimum of one brand per carcass is applied.

#### Guidance

- Branding may be required by OMAR or to fulfil the requirements in Part 2.2 of this notice.
- Brands may only be used in association with animal product that are fit for human consumption (See clause 2.1(4)).

## Part 4: Requirements for Use Official Devices on Cartons

### 4.1 Use of carton seals and carton seal tape

- (1) No person, other than those operating under a RMP, may use approved carton seals or tape.
- (2) No persons may apply approved full size official assurance legends on transportation outers of animal products for export other than by the use of approved carton seals and approved carton seal tape.
- (3) All operators must ensure that where carton seals, or tape, are required:
  - a) the approved carton seals or carton seal tape (tape) is applied to the carton prior to it leaving the premises at which it is packed; and
  - b) the carton seal or tape displays the official identifier of the RMP premises where the carton was packed; and
  - c) the positioning of the official carton seal or tape is such that:
    - i) it is not possible to access the product without destroying a seal or tape, or damaging the carton, such that there is clear evidence of the product being tampered with; and
    - ii) at least one full official assurance legend is positioned on the main panel of the carton; and
    - iii) the mandatory labelling information on the main panel is not covered.
- (4) Operators may use more than one seal per carton or a combination of seals and tape depending on the location of the main panel, the carton design and the method of closure.

#### 4.1.1 Repacking sealed product for export

- (1) All operators must notify their OA verifier of any repacking of animal products for export in advance of the activity occurring.
- (2) Despite clause 4.1(3) all operators must ensure that where animal products for export are being repacked into cartons or other transportation outers at registered RMP premises, other than the premises of origin:
  - a) the carton seals and tape used displays the RMP identifier of the premises where the product is being repacked; and
  - b) where cartons from the originating premises are used the main panel is endorsed with the words "Repacked by ....."

#### Guidance

- Approved carton seals and tape may be required by an OMAR or to fulfil the requirements in (2.2) of this notice.
- Carton seals and carton seal tape may only be used on cartons of animal product that are fit for human consumption (See clause 2.1(4))

### 4.2 Use of tamper evident seals

- (1) All operators must ensure that where tamper evident seals are required on cartons :
  - a) the tamper evident seal is applied to the carton prior to it leaving the premises at which it is packed; and
  - b) the positioning of the tamper evident seal is such that:
    - i) it is not possible to access the product without destroying a or damaging the carton, such that there is clear evidence of the product being tampered with; and
    - ii) the mandatory labelling information on the main carton panel is not covered.

- (2) Operators must ensure that approved tamper evident seals are not used on cartons unless:
  - a) the consignment is subject to an official assurance; or
  - b) the OMAR for the importing country requires an official device or a tamper evident seal for the closure of cartons.

**Guidance**

- Tamper evident seals may be required to fulfil an OMAR requirement for either an official device or tamper evident seal to be applied to cartons.

### **4.3 Use of intervention seals**

- (1) No persons other than animal product officers or OA Verifiers may use approved intervention seals.
- (2) Animal product officers and OA verifiers must only apply intervention seals to transportation outers when the transportation outer have been opened and closed by these parties for inspection purposes.

### **4.4 Removal or defacing of full size official assurance legends for the domestic market**

- (1) All operators must ensure that where transportation outers of product have been sealed with official devices and the product is subsequently consigned to the domestic market or to pet food, all full size official assurance legends on the transportation outer are removed or defaced.

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## Part 5: Requirements for Use of Reduced Size Legends

### 5.1 Application

- (1) This part applies to animal material which are subject to ante and/or post mortem examination.

### 5.2 Use of reduced size legends

- (1) No person, other than operators operating under a RMP, may use reduced size legends.
- (2) Operators may use the reduced size legend, in line with the requirements of this part, for products for sale in New Zealand or for export.

#### 5.2.1 Requirement for reduced sized legends on consumer packs

- (1) All operators must ensure that products to which this part applies, packaged for export in consumer packs are marked with either:
  - a) the approved reduced size official assurance legend; or
  - b) the uncontrolled reduced size legend as specified in clause 5.3.

#### 5.2.2 Exemptions from marking of consumer products

- (1) Despite sub clause 5.2.1 operators are not required to mark consumer packs for export with the reduced sized legend where the consumer packs are:
  - a) a format other than a can; and
  - b) further packaged into cartons or other transportation outers sealed with carton seals in line with the requirements of the importing country's OMAR.

#### 5.2.3 Manner in which the reduced size legend may be displayed

- (1) Operators may only display the reduced size legend by:
  - a) the use of inner polythene bags, sheets and other wrapping on which the device is printed; and
  - b) the use of adhesive or insert labels on which the normal commercial and mandatory label information is displayed; and
  - c) embossing cans; and
  - d) alternate means prescribed in OMAR.
- (2) Unless required by OMAR operators must not use the reduced size legend on the outer wrap of carcasses and quarters.
- (3) All operators must ensure that reduced size legend on the packaging of product displays the official identifier of the RMP premises where this packaging was applied.
- (4) All operators must ensure that where the reduced size legend is embossed on cans the approved reduced size official assurance legend is used.

### 5.3 Uncontrolled reduced size legend

- (1) Where the operator chooses to use the uncontrolled reduced sized legend they must ensure the legend:
  - a) consists of the following information positioned together, on the packaging:
    - i) the words 'New Zealand'; and
    - ii) the official number of the RMP premises at which the product is packed; and

- iii) the text 'Inspected' or 'Insp'; and
- b) has no delimiter or border around the information required by sub clause 1(a); and
- c) is equal to, or smaller than, half the size of the approved full sized official assurance legend.

## 5.4 Operators as manufacturers of reduced size legend bearing material

- (1) Operators must only print or emboss reduced size legends on packaging material and labels for use by sites covered within the scope of their RMP.

### Guidance

- Reduced size legends are required :
  - for products exported in consumer packs as outlined in 5.2.1
  - to fulfil the requirements in 2.2 of this notice; and
  - as specified by OMAR.
- OMARs may require the use of the approved reduced size official assurance legend for consumer packs and other controls such as the use of an approved printer for the reduced size legend.
- Reduced size legend may only be used in association with animal product that are fit for human consumption (See clause 2.1(4)).
- The information required in clause 5.3 (1)(a) may be placed either vertically or horizontally on the package and in any order.

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## Part 6: Requirements for Use of Container Seals on Sea Freight Containers

### 6.1 Application

- (1) This part applies to
  - a) the following animal products that are intended for export as human food or pet food:
    - i) animal product from mammals; and
    - ii) meat of avian species; and
    - iii) fish products; and
    - iv) honey; and
  - b) other animal products or animal materials where an OMAR or Import Permit requires an MPI official container seal to be used.

### 6.2 Use of high security container seals

- (1) No person, other than operators operating under a RMP or RCS, or their OA verifiers may use approved high security container seals.
- (2) All operators must ensure that where container seals are required on sea freight containers the seal used is an approved high security container seal of a type specified in part 14.2 of this notice;
- (3) Operators must ensure that approved container seals are not used unless:
  - a) the consignment is subject to an official assurance; or
  - b) the OMAR for the importing country requires it.

#### 6.2.1 Use of MPI Bolt and Cable Seal

- (1) Operators may only use the approved MPI Bolt and Cable Seal where the exporter is approved under the New Zealand Customs Secure Exporters Scheme, (SES).
- (2) Operators nominated by approved exporters under the SES:
  - a) must only use approved Bolt and Cable Seals on containers exported by approved exporters under the SES; and
  - b) may use approved Bolt and Cable Seals on containers which include product from RMP premises that are not approved under the SES; and
  - c) may use approved Bolt and Cable Seals on consolidated containers which include both animal products and product from non-RMP premises only where the non-RMP premises is also an SES partner.

#### Guidance

- Container seals may be required by OMARs.
- OMARs for some markets also indicate the level of verification required during the sealing of the container.
- When approved container seals are not required, companies may use operator seals but the operators seal number may not be referenced on any part of the official assurance (See the AP ECert Help).

**Use of container seals for transfer of product within New Zealand**

Clause 2.1 requires that official devices must only be used in accordance with this notice or any other notices issued under section 167 of the Act. This means that:

- approved container seals may not be used on sea freight containers when transporting product between premises within New Zealand:
  - for further processing; or
  - for consolidation of an export consignment; or
  - where the product is intended for the domestic market.
- operators may use approved container seals to provide security during internal transfer of product or by-product in bulk bins or casks when it is a requirement of an MPI specification or notice.

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## Part 7: Requirements for Use of Seals on Transportation Outers and Airfreight

### 7.1 Use of security seals on transportation outers for live animals and germplasm

- (1) Where sealing of the transportation outer with an official device is required for live animals and germplasm all operators of EAP, registered exporters, OA verifiers and authorised persons must ensure, that:
  - a) the transportation outer is sealed with an approved plastic strap seal as specified in clause 14.3.2 of this notice; and
  - b) the security seal is applied to the transportation outer in a manner that ensures any attempts to access the contents are evident or prevented.

### 7.2 Use of seals for airfreight

- (1) All operators must ensure that where official seals are required on airfreight containers of animal products or animal material:
  - a) the airfreight container is sealed with either:
    - i) an approved metal strap seal as specified in sub clause 14.3.1; or
    - ii) an approved tamper evident seal as specified in clause 13.6.
- (2) Operators must ensure that official devices are not used to seal airfreight containers unless:
  - a) the consignment is subject to an official assurance; or
  - b) the OMAR for the importing country requires it.

#### Guidance

- Seals on transportation outers and for airfreight may be required by OMARs

## Part 8: Security of Official Devices at Premises

### 8.1 Documentation of procedures

- (1) Operators, registered exporters and recognised agencies must document and implement procedures and keep records addressing the use, control, manufacture and security of official devices, and materials used in the production of official devices, appropriate to their activities and responsibilities.
- (2) The documented procedures must give the Director-General sufficient confidence:
  - a) that the opportunity for the misuse of official devices, or misrepresentation of animal products, is minimised; and
  - b) that official devices are only utilised by operators they are allocated to.

### 8.2 Requirements of operators

- (1) All operators manufacturing, using or storing official devices must as appropriate to their activities and responsibilities:
  - a) keep records of EAP or RMP premises supervisors responsible for security of official devices; and
  - b) ensure that all persons responsible for or using official devices are familiar with the requirements of this notice; and
  - c) ensure the correct application of official devices is verified by the operator; and
  - d) maintain a register of official devices; receipts, dispatches, production on site, stock on hand and stock issued to departments; and
  - e) reconcile daily use of official devices against production records; and
  - f) report loss of seals to the responsible person as soon as practicable; and
  - g) return all defective official devices purchased from an approved manufacturer, to the responsible party; and
  - h) ensure that any waste or defective carton seal tape, or waste packaging material bearing an official assurance legend or uncontrolled reduced size legend, is defaced or destroyed so as to preclude its use or reuse; and
  - i) undertake the requirements delegated to the operator as permitted by clause 8.4(3).

### 8.3 Responsible parties for official devices

- (1) The responsible parties for official devices and materials used in production of official devices are as set out in the following table:

	<b>Column A: Device</b>	<b>Column B: Type of Business</b>	<b>Column C: Responsible Party</b>
1	Branding tool	Slaughterhouse	Official Assessor or OA verifier
2	Branding tool	Boning and cutting operations	Meat premises supervisor as specified in RMP
3	Carton seals	All premises	OA verifier
4	Intervention Seal	All premises	Animal products officer or OA verifier
5	Tamper Evident Seal	All premises	OA verifier

	<b>Column A: Device</b>	<b>Column B: Type of Business</b>	<b>Column C: Responsible Party</b>
6	Container seals specified in clauses 14.1, 14.2 or 14.3.1	All premises	OA verifier
7	Container seals specified in clause 14.3.2	EAP	EAP supervisor as specified in documented procedures
8	Container seals specified in clause 14.3.2	Registered exporter of live animals or germplasm	OA verifier
9	Container seals specified in clause 14.3.2	*Business other than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EAP; and</li> <li>• registered exporter of live animals or germplasm</li> </ul>	Authorised person
10	Reduced size legend	Meat premises	Premises supervisor as specified in RMP
11	Materials used in production of official devices	Meat premises	Premises supervisor as specified in RMP

#### **Guidance**

\* This covers situations where a private individual takes their animal to the airport for export.

## **8.4 Requirements for responsible parties**

- (1) All parties responsible for the official devices must where relevant:
- a) maintain a register of official devices showing:
    - i) the number of devices received from the manufacturer or MPI Verification Services store, the date of issue, the date of receipt, the name of the receiving officer and where applicable the unique identifiers or serial numbers of the devices received; and
    - ii) any defective devices (either damaged or not meeting the specifications set out in this notice) received from the manufacturer or MPI Verification Services and whether or not these are held by the company, destroyed or returned to the supplier; and
    - iii) where devices are printed on site, the number of devices printed and their serial numbers; and
    - iv) the number of devices, issued to operational staff, their serial numbers where existing, the balance of stock held, and the name of the person issuing the devices; and
    - v) for container seals the container number the seal was applied to, the destination of the container, the certificate shoulder number for covering the container to which the seal was attached; and
    - vi) the number of devices returned from operational staff and where existing their unique identifier or serial numbers; and
  - b) ensure devices and equipment and materials for printing of devices are secured until required for operational purposes; and
  - c) ensure devices are released for use, where permitted, only:
    - i) to operational staff, in quantities required for scheduled production or load out; and
    - ii) to third party RMP premises as required for repacking or replacement of damaged carton seals; and
    - iii) with consideration of the responsible parties' ongoing availability; and

- d) ensure that for all devices (other than branding tools) regular checks have been made between the number of any devices issued to operational staff and the relevant company production and loadout records (checks may be performed by company and audited by the responsible person); and
  - e) ensure all branding tools are released only when the responsible party is present, and retrieved and secured prior to the responsible party departing the premises; and
  - f) investigate any significant discrepancy and report to the relevant Verification Agency manager if there is no satisfactory explanation; and
  - g) report the loss of any seals as soon as practicable, and within 24 hours to MPI Assurance; and
  - h) ensure that any defective official devices received or printed are destroyed; and
  - i) ensure any carton seal tape or carton seals transported to third party RMP premises are conveyed to the responsible party at the RMP premises in a controlled and secure manner.
- (2) Where the responsible party is not on site in a full time capacity, the responsible party may delegate the requirements in sub clauses 1(a)(iii-vi), 1(b) and 1(c)(i) to EAP or RMP premises supervisor.
  - (3) For the purposes of sub clause 1(f) a discrepancy between the numbers of seals listed on dispatch documentation and the seals received is considered a loss of seals.

#### **8.4.1 Intervention Seals**

- (1) Animal products officers and OA verifiers must retain control of intervention seals at all times and must not release any to operators or their staff.

### **8.5 Specific requirements of verification agencies**

- (1) In addition to the requirements for responsible parties set out in part 8.4 the OA verifiers must carry out regular performance based verification of the operators use and control of official devices.
- (2) The verification required by sub clause 1 and the resulting actions and reporting must be carried out in line with the Animal Products Notice: Export Verifications Requirements 2018, or any notice that replaces it.
- (3) Despite sub clause 2:
  - a) where an existing animal product business commences use of official devices, verification of their use must commence at the initial verification step specified in the notice referred to in clause 8.5.1(2).
  - b) for animal product businesses with a full time verifier presence, the maximum interval between verifications will be one month.
  - c) for animal product businesses, other than export stores and those with full time verifier presence, the maximum interval between verifications will be three months.
  - d) for EAP, the ceiling must be Step 7.
- (4) The OA verifier must, at each load in/load out check required by a notice issued under the Act, review approved container seal receipts and use, reconciling these with the stock on hand.
- (5) The OA verifier must ensure that serious non-compliance which has the potential to threaten the integrity of the official assurances issued under the Act is reported to MPI Assurance.

#### **Guidance**

- Where investigation of non-compliance shows reasonable grounds for believing that the misuse of the official assurance legend may have occurred, certification of all product sealed or packaged with the legend since the previous acceptable verification may be withdrawn.

## 8.6 Storage of bulk supplies

- (1) The Director-General must ensure that bulk supplies of container seals, and intervention seals are stored, secured and controlled in a locked area prior to:
  - a) distribution to the responsible parties set out in clause 8.3; or
  - b) defective seals being destroyed, defaced or returned to supplier.
- (2) The Director-General must:
  - a) keep a register of all seals received, stored and dispatched; and
  - b) check all devices prior to issue, for compliance with the specifications set out in this notice; and
  - c) record details of noncompliant devices supplied or returned from premises in the register; and
  - d) only issue devices to responsible parties as per orders received. Dispatch to be:
    - i) in a secure and controlled manner; and
    - ii) in batches of sequentially numbered devices.

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## Part 9: Approval for the Manufacture and Supply of Official Devices

### 9.1 Approval of manufacturers of official devices

- (1) No person may cast, print, lithograph, or otherwise make, or supply, any of the following official devices unless that person is approved by the Director-General under this Part:
  - a) approved oval branding tools; and
  - b) approved carton seals; and
  - c) approved carton seal tape; and
  - d) approved tamper evident seals; and
  - e) approved intervention seals; and
  - f) approved container seals.

### 9.2 Applications for approval

- (1) An application for approval as a manufacturer of official devices must be in the form made available on the MPI website and must include the following information and items:
  - a) a description of the official device which the applicant intends to manufacture or supply; and
  - b) details of where the official device and materials used in the production of the official device will be manufactured; and
  - c) confirmation that the device meets technical requirements specified either:
    - i) in this notice; or
    - ii) as part of a tender process initiated by MPI.
  - d) in the case of branding tools, a sample of the brand impression; and
  - e) in the case of carton seals, carton strapping, intervention seals and container seals, a sample of the device; and
  - f) details as to how requirements under Part 10 of this notice are met; and
  - g) a copy of the verification report from verification required by clause 10.3.7; and
  - h) be accompanied by the prescribed application fee (if any is prescribed by regulations).
- (2) For the purposes of sub clause (1)(c), a manufacturer of official devices must, in order to confirm the device meets technical requirements:
  - a) arrange suitable tests directly with MPI Verification Services; and
  - b) provide sufficient samples to MPI Verification Services for evaluation and testing; and
  - c) be able to demonstrate conformity with specification and performance characteristics to the satisfaction of MPI Verification Services; and
  - d) obtain written confirmation from Verification Services that the device confirms meets technical requirements.

### 9.3 Approval to manufacture official devices

- (1) The Director-General may approve an application if satisfied that:
  - a) the application complies with clause 9.2; and
  - b) the applicant:
    - i) is a New Zealand Resident (within the meaning of section YD 1 or YD 2 of the Income Tax Act 2007); or

- ii) is a non-New Zealand resident but has an agent who is a New Zealand Resident within the meaning of section YD 1 or YD 2 of the Income Tax Act 2007;
    - iii) is a fit and proper person, having regard to any conviction of the applicant or any director or manager of the applicant, whether in New Zealand or overseas, for any offence relating to fraud or dishonesty, or relating to management control of business activities in respect of businesses of a kind (whether in New Zealand or elsewhere) that are regulated under this Act.
  - c) there has been no past serious or repeated failure by the applicant to comply with the duties of the type specified in Part 10 of this notice.
  - d) there are no grounds for considering the applicant is likely in future to fail to comply with the duties specified in Part 10 of this notice.
- (2) Where the Director-General determines to approve an application the Director-General must:
- a) notify the applicant in writing about:
    - i) the approval;
    - ii) the official device that the applicant is approved to manufacture;
    - iii) the expiry date of approval;
    - iv) any conditions relating to the approval with respect to technical specification, manufacture, sourcing, storage, supply, identification, security and recordkeeping; and
  - b) add the manufacturer to the [Register of Approved Manufacturers of MPI Official Devices](#) required under clause 9.6.

## 9.4 Duration and renewal of approvals

- (1) The approval of a manufacturer remains in force until:
  - a) the registration expires in accordance with clause 9.3(2)(iii); or
  - b) the approval is revoked in accordance with clause 9.5.
- (2) Approved manufacturers of official devices may apply to the Director-General for renewal of approval prior to the expiry date of the existing approval.
- (3) An application for renewal of approval as a manufacturer of official devices must be in the form made available on the MPI website and must include the items listed in clause 9.2 (1).
- (4) The verification report required by 9.2 (1) must be for a verification that took part in the previous 6 months.

## 9.5 Revocation of approval as manufacturer of official devices

- (1) The Director-General may revoke an approval of a person as a manufacturer of official devices:
  - a) if the Director-General reasonably believes that:
    - i) the person has failed to comply with this notice; or
    - ii) the person has failed to pay any prescribed fee; or
    - iii) the person is no longer manufacturing or supplier official devices; or
  - b) upon request by the person approved.
- (2) The Director-General must, where reasonably practicable, notify the approved manufacturer in writing before revoking the approval, specifying the grounds for the proposed revocation.
- (3) Despite sub-clauses (2), the Director-General may immediately revoke an approval of an approved manufacturer if a non-compliance threatens the integrity of official assurances issued under the Act.

- (4) If the Director-General determines to refuse an application for renewal of approval as an EAP, or revoke an approval under this clause the Director-General must remove the premises from the list specified in clause 9.6.

## 9.6 Register of approved manufacturers and suppliers

- (1) The Director General must maintain a register of approved manufacturers of official devices
- (2) The register of approved manufacturers of official devices must show:
- a) the name of the approved manufacturer; and
  - b) the postal address of the approved manufacturer; and
  - c) the full physical address of the approved manufacturer; and
  - d) the category or categories of official device for which the manufacturer is approved.

### Guidance

- Manufacturers of material printed with approved reduced size official assurance legends or uncontrolled reduced size legends do not require the approval of the Director-General.
- To protect their own interests' premises purchasing reduced size legend material should ensure that; the manufacturer keeps the material secure during manufacture, transport and storage, and that surplus or damaged material is destroyed. These requirements may be specified by contract.
- Applications for approval of manufacturers of container seals are only accepted by MPI when MPI advertise for expressions of interest.
- Approvals will have a maximum duration of 3 years but depending on the individual circumstances the duration may be shortened.

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## Part 10: Requirements for Approved Manufacturers of Official Devices

### 10.1 Application

- (1) The security arrangements required by this part will apply to the manufacture of all official devices except material printed with approved reduced size legends.
- (2) In this part material means material used in the production of official devices.

### 10.2 Sub-contracting

- (1) Approved manufacturers of official devices may only sub-contract:
  - a) the production of container seals; and
  - b) the production of materials that do not include any official assurance legend or Government Coat of Arms, where these materials are used for the production of approved branding tools, carton seals, carton strapping or intervention seals; and
  - c) the production of dies, and artwork, films or plates that include an MPI device or Government Coat of Arms, where:
    - i) these materials are used for the production of approved carton seals, carton strapping or intervention seals; and
    - ii) the persons subcontracted conduct their business entirely within New Zealand.
- (2) Approved manufacturers must ensure via contract, or other means, that the sub-contractor:
  - a) only produce official devices and materials for the approved manufacturer; and
  - b) meets all obligations of approved manufacturers under clause 10.3 and any relevant conditions set out in the letter of approval; and
  - c) participate in any verification requested by the approved manufacturer or the Director-General.
- (3) Approved manufacturers must ensure that the sub-contracted device or material conforms with, or is of a quality, to ensure the official device manufactured from it conforms to specifications outlined in this notice and any conditions of the approval.

#### Guidance

- Approved manufacturers of security and high security seals may subcontract the manufacture of these devices.
- When subcontracting approved manufacturers should apply the principles of sub-contracting as outlined in ISO 9002.

### 10.3 Obligations of approved manufacturers

- (1) All approved manufacturers must have a documented quality system that:
  - a) ensures that devices manufactured and supplied to MPI or operators meet all specifications outlined in this notice and the letter of approval; and
  - b) covers all requirements as outlined in this part.
- (2) The approved manufacturer must ensure that:
  - a) records of all production and supply are retained for not less than five years.
  - b) each die used to print or stamp official devices with the text 'MPI' or 'NZMPI' must be individually identified.

- (3) The approved manufacturer must notify the Director-General if:
- a) any of the details appearing in the notified list of approved manufacturers are no longer valid; or
  - b) the approved manufacturer intends to cease manufacture or supply an official device; or
  - c) significant changes are made to the materials, manufacturing techniques or specifications that may impact on the performance of the device.
- (4) The manufacturer must notify the Director-General in writing of any breach of security or loss of approved devices.

### 10.3.1 Produce to order

- (1) Approved manufacturers must ensure that official devices are only produced to an order authorised by the persons as listed in the following table:

	<b>Column A: Device</b>	<b>Column B: Person</b>
1	Branding tool	OA verifier responsible for the premises indicated on the device
2	Carton seals	OA verifier responsible for the premises indicated on the device
3	Intervention seal	MPI manager responsible for distribution of official devices
4	Tamper evident seal	MPI manager responsible for distribution of official devices
5	Container seals	MPI manager responsible for distribution of official devices

- (2) The order form must contain, at the minimum:
- a) the order number; and
  - b) the date of the order; and
  - c) the quantity and type of device required; and
  - d) the name and physical address to which the order is to be consigned; and
  - e) the name, address, signature and an imprint of the official MPI seal of the MPI official authorising the order.

### 10.3.2 Inventory of production

- (1) Approved manufacturers must maintain a production inventory with the details of each production run of official devices or materials and, as a minimum, must include the:
- a) order number for the production; and
  - b) date of production; and
  - c) quantity of dies, artworks, films, plates, materials or official devices produced; and
  - d) starting and finishing sequential numbers of official devices; and
  - e) number and details of any of the following rejected by the manufacturer for failing to meet any specification:
    - i) official devices; and
    - ii) materials that include an MPI device or Government Coat of Arms; and
  - f) method by which the faulty production of items in sub clause (e) were destroyed.

### 10.3.3 Inventory of supply

- (1) Approved manufacturers must maintain an inventory of supply of official devices and materials which must include the:
- a) date and order number for delivery; and
  - b) party ordering the materials or official devices; and
  - c) date and quantity of materials and official devices despatched; and
  - d) starting and finishing sequential numbers of devices despatched; and

- e) date when the delivery confirmation was received.

#### **10.3.4 Secure storage**

- (1) Approved manufacturers must ensure that official devices and materials used in the production of official devices are stored in a secure and controlled manner including those:
  - a) awaiting dispatch; or
  - b) rejected and awaiting destruction.

#### **10.3.5 Secure dispatch**

- (1) Approved manufacturers must ensure that official devices and materials are dispatched by secure and controlled means directly to:
  - a) other premises of the approved manufacturer; or
  - b) a MPI Verification store; or
  - c) a person authorised by the MPI Verification Services to receive devices at:
    - i) an animal product business; or
    - ii) a recognised agency.
- (2) Approved manufacturers must, at the time of dispatch, send a notice of dispatch under separate cover, to the person authorised to receive the goods.
- (3) Where receipt of despatched devices is not received within 5 calendar days of the expected date of delivery, the approved manufacturer must undertake follow up to determine the whereabouts of the consignment.

#### **10.3.6 Destruction of official devices and materials**

- (1) All approved manufacturers must ensure that official devices and material remaining in their possession are destroyed:
  - a) where the device or material is rejected for failing to meet any specification; or
  - b) the contract or approval to manufacture expires, is terminated, suspended or cancelled.
- (2) Approved manufacturers must confirm the destruction of official devices and material in writing to MPI.

#### **10.3.7 Verification**

- (1) All approved manufacturers must arrange for MPI Verification Services to verify their business to establish compliance with the requirements of this notice.
- (2) Verification must be undertaken at least every 12 months.
- (3) The approved manufacturer whose operations are verified under sub clause 1 must pay for the costs of verification.

## Part 11: Dispensations

- (1) This clause applies where all of the following conditions are present:
  - a) an approved manufacturer, exporter or operator has failed to comply with any of the requirements in this notice; and
  - b) the animal material or animal product would lose its eligibility for official assurance because of the non-compliance; and
  - c) the non-compliance was due to circumstances not reasonably foreseeable by the approved manufacturer, exporter or operator.
- (2) Where sub clause (1) applies, the Director-General may issue a dispensation and allow the animal material or animal product to be eligible for an official assurance if the Director-General is satisfied that:
  - a) the animal material or animal product remains fit for purpose despite the non-compliance; and
  - b) the non-compliance does not breach any relevant OMAR.
  - c) the dispensation will not undermine the integrity of official assurances issued under the Act.
- (3) Any manufacturer, exporter or operator seeking a dispensation must:
  - a) do so in writing to the Director-General; and
  - b) outline the nature and reason(s) for the non-compliance; and
  - c) outline the corrective action(s) that would be carried out to minimise any chance of future noncompliance.

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## Part 12: Approval of Devices

### 12.1 Approved devices

- (1) In relation to official assurances, the devices specified in Parts 13, and 14 are approved devices under Section 158 of the Act.
- (2) The approval of devices specified in clause 14.3.2 is limited. These devices must only be used in relation to exports of, and official assurance relating to, live animals and germplasm.
- (3) The appearance, physical characteristic and written or printed content of approved devices must be as specified in this notice.

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## Part 13: Specifications for Official Assurance Legends and Official Devices Bearing Them

### 13.1 Approved specifications for official assurance legend

- (1) The approved official assurance legend must comply with the following specifications:
  - a) the official assurance legend must consist of an oval image
  - b) the image must consist of the following text within, and in relation to, the oval:
    - i) the word NEW ZEALAND (in capital letters) displayed at the top and following the top curve; and
    - ii) the text INSPECTED or INSP (in capital letters) displayed at the bottom and following the bottom curve; and
    - iii) the RMP identifier in the centre.
  - c) the dimensions of the official assurance legend must be as follows:
    - i) the oval official assurance legend must be 65mm x 45mm; and
    - ii) the words and text must be 8mm high and the numbers 10mm high; and
    - iii) tolerance in all dimensions of the official assurance legend must not to exceed  $\pm 0.5$ mm.
  - d) the layout of the text must be as illustrated below:



### 13.2 Approved specifications for reduced size official assurance legend

- (1) The approved reduced size official assurance legend must consist of a reduced size facsimile of the approved official assurance legend (full sized official assurance legend) and:
  - a) the size of the facsimile must be equal to, or smaller than, half the size of the approved full sized official assurance legend; and
  - b) the image must be proportional to the approved full sized official assurance legend; and
  - c) the reduced sized facsimile must be legible by unaided observation. This includes when used on shrink wrap film where at least one legend must be legible after wrapping and shrinking.

### 13.3 Approved specifications for oval brand / branding tool

- (1) Approved oval brands must comply with the following specifications:
  - a) the brand must consist of an approved official assurance legend as specified in clause 13.1; and

- b) the brand must be applied using approved meat marking inks or heat.
- (2) Oval brands intended for stamping carcasses of young ovine animals may include the words LAMB or YEARLING as the case may be and where these words appear, they must appear outside and beneath the oval.
- (3) Approved branding tools are devices that with the application of approved branding inks or heat will generate an approved oval brand.
- (4) Each branding tool must be uniquely identified with the identification etched or stamped or embossed onto a readily visible part of the branding tool.

#### Guidance

- Approved meat marking inks are listed in the *Approved Maintenance Compounds (Non-Dairy) Manual* on the MPI Website.

### 13.4 Approved specifications for carton seals and carton seal tape

- (1) Approved carton seals and approved carton seal tape (tape) must comply with the following specifications in sub clauses 13.4.1 to 13.4.4.

#### 13.4.1 Colour and dimensions

- (1) Carton seals must be a white or off-white rectangular adhesive label 125mm to 155mm long, and 46mm to 55mm wide.
- (2) Carton seal tape must be white or transparent and the dimension of the tape must permit the text and image specified in clause 13.4.2 to be displayed across the width of the tape.

#### 13.4.2 Text and images to appear on seal

- (1) Carton seals and carton seal tape must display the following text and images in a rectangular format where the top is defined to be the shorter dimension of the rectangular:
  - a) the shoulder number "AP85, displayed in the top right-hand corner; and
  - b) the word "NEW ZEALAND" (in capital letters) displayed in the top left hand corner; and
  - c) the words "MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES" on the row immediately under the words NEW ZEALAND at the top left; and
  - d) the New Zealand Coat of Arms (identified as "B" in the *Official New Zealand Coat of Arms* publication); and
  - e) the words "Official Carton Seal", to be printed under the Coat of Arms; and
  - f) an official assurance legend as specified in clause 13.1; and
  - g) a unique serial number for the individual seal, as specified in sub clause 13.4.4, which is to be placed in the bottom right-hand corner.
- (2) The dimensions of the coat of arms must be 20mm x 20mm.
- (3) All text and images on the carton seals and carton seal tape must be:
  - a) printed in black; and
  - b) legible; and
  - c) indelible.
- (4) The layout of the text and images must be as illustrated below:



- (5) Patent numbers, bar codes and other commercial information may be printed on carton seals and tape provided they do not obscure mandatory information required by this part.

#### 13.4.3 Materials for the production of the seal

- (1) All carton seals and tape must be made from material that:
- is capable of being destroyed if reasonable force is applied to remove the seal after it has been applied to a carton; and
  - ensures the surface of the seal accepts over-branding with printing inks and that where over-branding occurs the over branded information must not be able to be removed by either water or solvents.
- (2) Carton seals and tape may be produced with security perforations to enable the use of strong material that withstands handling but pulls apart during opening of the carton.
- (3) The adhesive on carton seals and tape must be:
- freezer grade, maintaining functionality across a temperature range of  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+30^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; and
  - sufficiently strong so as to tear the carton or cause the seal to destruct if removal is attempted.
- (4) The materials used in producing the design and lettering on the carton seals and tape must ensure the text and image is indelible.
- (5) All parts of the design or lettering must not be able to be removed without damage to the carton seal being readily apparent.

#### 13.4.4 Unique serial numbers

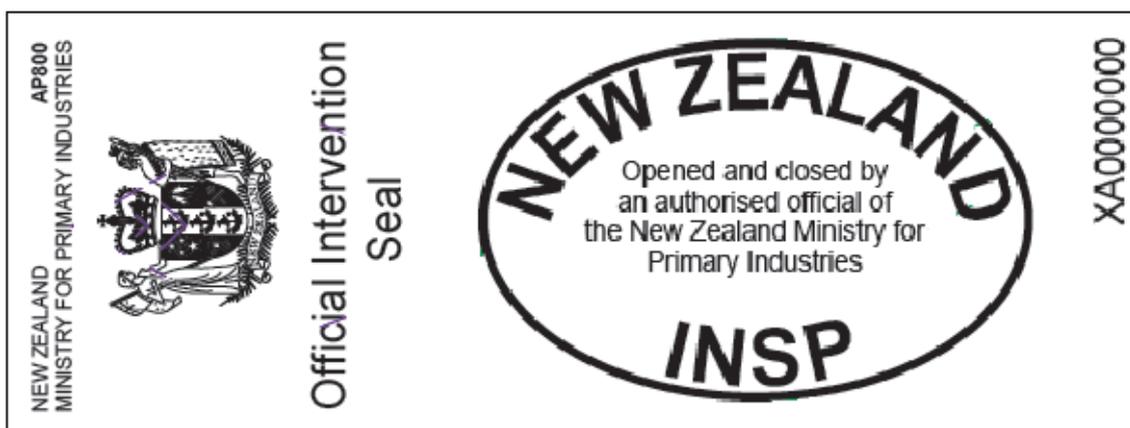
- (1) The unique serial number must not be repeated within three years.
- (2) The number format and sequence must be as follows:
- the number must contain 2 letters and 7 digits, the alpha prefix and the numerals are to be contiguous (e.g. XA0000000); and
  - the first letter "X", must be that assigned by MPI to identify the approved manufacturer; and
  - the second letter and 7 digits must be printed labels sequentially; and
  - the alpha numeric sequence must commence at "X" A0000001.
- (3) The RMP identifier of the premises on the seal must not form part of the unique identifying number; and different premises must not receive seals with the same alpha-numeric number.

### 13.5 Approved specifications for intervention seals

- (1) Approved Intervention seals must comply with the specifications as set out in sub clause 13.4 for Carton Seals other than the following variations:

- a) the background of the seal must be a green (colour specification PMS 3292); and
- b) the shoulder number displayed must be AP800; and
- c) the words “Official Carton Seal”, must be replaced by the words “Official Intervention Seal”; and
- d) in the official assurance legend the:
  - i) text “INSP” must be used; and
  - ii) the RMP identifier of the premises must be replaced by the text “Opened and closed by an authorised official of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries”

(2) The layout of the text and images must be as illustrated below:



### 13.6 Approved specifications for tamper evident seals

- (1) Approved tamper evident seals must comply with the following specifications in sub clauses 13.6.1 to 13.6.4.

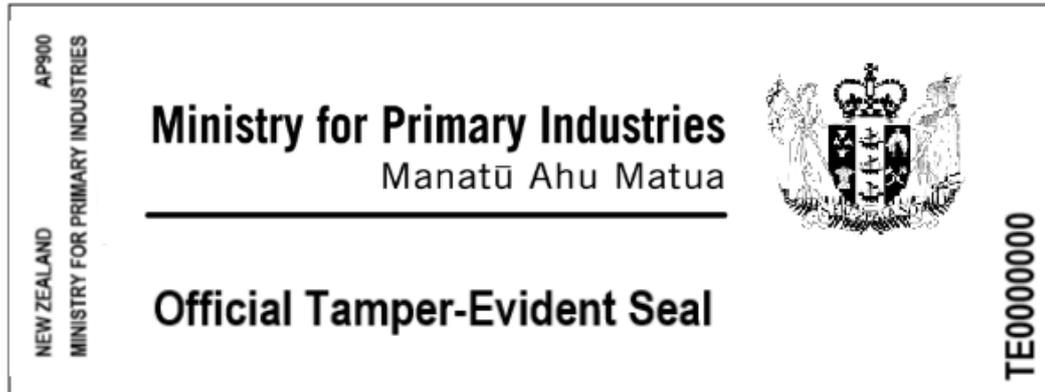
#### 13.6.1 Colour and dimensions

- (1) Tamper-Evident seals must be a white or off-white rectangular adhesive label 125mm to 155mm long, and 46mm to 55mm wide.

#### 13.6.2 Text and images to appear on seal

- (1) Tamper-Evident seals must display the following text and images in a rectangular format where the top is defined to be the shorter dimension of the rectangular:
- a) the shoulder number “AP900, displayed in the top right-hand corner; and
  - b) the word “NEW ZEALAND” (in capital letters) displayed in the top left hand corner; and
  - c) the words “MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES” on the row immediately under the words NEW ZEALAND at the top left; and
  - d) in a vertical orientation down the seal such that the words can be read when the seal is rotated counter-clockwise by 90 degrees:
    - i) the words “Ministry for Primary Industries”; and
  - e) the words “Manatū Ahu Matua” on the row immediately under the words specified in sub clause (1)(d)(i) ; and
    - i) a straight line the length of the words specified in sub clause 1(d)(i);
    - ii) the words “Official Tamper-Evident Seal”; and
    - iii) the New Zealand Coat of Arms (identified as “B” in the *Official New Zealand Coat of Arms* publication); and
  - f) a unique serial number for the individual seal, as specified in sub clause 13.6.4, which is to be placed in the bottom left-hand corner.

- (2) All text and images on the carton seals and carton seal tape must be:
  - a) printed in black; and
  - b) legible; and
  - c) indelible.
- (3) The layout of the text and images must be as illustrated below:



### 13.6.3 Materials for the production of the seal

- (1) The material for the production of seals must be as specified in 13.4.3.

### 13.6.4 Unique serial numbers

- (1) The unique serial numbers must not be repeated within three years.
- (2) The number format and sequence must be as follows:
  - a) the number must contain the two letters "TE" 2 and 7 digits, the alpha prefix and the numerals are to be contiguous (e.g. TE0000000); and
  - b) the digits must be printed on labels sequentially; and
  - c) the alpha numeric sequence must commence at TE0000001.

## Part 14: Specifications for Approved Container Seals

### 14.1 Approved specifications for container seals

- (1) All approved container seals must comply with the following specifications:
  - a) component parts must be difficult to counterfeit or substitute; and
  - b) the seal must provide a clear indication of any evidence of tampering and the seal must be unable to be disjoined without irreversible deformation; and
  - c) the length of the seal must not enable a sealed container to be opened or partially opened, without the seal being broken, or otherwise showing obvious damage; and
  - d) all seals must only be able to be removed by a destructive method, and must be incapable of being successfully reused or restored in the sealed condition, following such tampering.
- (2) In terms of utility, seals must
  - a) be designed in a way that ensures that users are not exposed to the risk of injury; and
  - b) be simple to use and easily verifiable for correct use and effectiveness; and
  - c) be accompanied by advice on the correct method(s) for their effective use, and any safety precautions required, during removal, if necessary to ensure correct application/removal; and
  - d) have a high level of resistance to corrosion for use in hostile environments, such as prolonged exposure at sea; and
  - e) be flameproof; and
  - f) be packed in such a manner that they are to be readily accessible in strict sequential numerical order whether as an entire pack or part pack.

### 14.2 Approved specifications for high security seal

#### 14.2.1 MPI - Bolt Seal

- (1) The approved high security seal – the MPI Bolt Seal must comply with the following specifications:
  - a) meets the specifications for high security seals in ISO17712; and
  - b) has a bright green and white bolt; and
  - c) each bolt body and bolt head is indelibly marked with a serial number unique to the individual seal; and
  - d) each bolt has a barcode 128 indelibly marked on it which corresponds to the unique serial number on each seal; and
  - e) The unique serial number must consist of an alphanumeric sequence as follows:
    - i) the letters “NZMPI” followed by 8 numeric digits; and
    - ii) the sequence must commence at NZMPI00000001; and
    - iii) the 8 numeric digits must be used sequentially; and
    - iv) the unique serial number must not be repeated within three years.

#### 14.2.2 MPI - Bolt and Cable Seal

- (1) The approved high security seal – the MPI Bolt and Cable seal must comply with the specifications as set out in clause 14.2.1, for the MPI – Bolt Seal but must also have a cable which:
  - a) meets the specifications for high security seals in ISO17712; and
  - b) has a red cable locking body; and
  - c) is indelibly marked with the serial number unique to the official device, as set out in clause 14.2.1(1)(e).

## 14.3 Approved specifications for security seals

### 14.3.1 Metal Strap Seal

- (1) The approved security seal – the metal strap seal must comply with the following specifications:
- a) has a metal strap which may be secured in a loop through a locking mechanism; and
  - b) has a white seal base; and
  - c) has a green cap: (colour specification PMS 3292); and
  - d) each seal base is indelibly marked with a unique serial number; and
  - e) the unique serial number must be part of sequential alphanumeric sequence as follows:
    - i) the letters “NZMPI” followed by 7 numeric digits; and
    - ii) the sequence must commence at NZMPI0000001; and
    - iii) the 7 numeric digits must be used sequentially; and
    - iv) the unique serial number must not be repeated within three years.

### 14.3.2 Plastic Strap Seal

- (1) The approved security seal – the plastic strap seal must comply with the following specifications:
- a) has a dark green plastic strap which may be secured in a loop through a locking mechanism; and
  - b) has a dark green seal base; and
  - c) has a bright green cap (colour specification PMS 3415); and
  - d) each seal is indelibly marked with a unique serial number; and
  - e) the unique serial number must be part of sequential alphanumeric sequence as follows:
    - i) the letters “NZMPI” followed by 6 numeric digits; and
    - ii) the sequence must commence at NZMPI000001; and
    - iii) the 6 numeric digits must be used sequentially; and
    - iv) the unique serial number must not be repeated within three years.

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## **Part 15: Approval of Manufacturers of Official Devices**

### **15.1 Approved manufacturers**

- (1) In relation to section 158 (3)(b) of the Act the manufacturers listed in the register of approved manufacturers published on the MPI website are approved as manufactures of official devices.
- (2) All registered operators of RMPs are deemed to be approved manufacturers for the purposes of real time printing of carton seal tape.

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## Part 16: Transitional Provisions

### 16.1 Intervention seals

- (1) Intervention seals that have already been purchased and are held in storage by MPI Verification Services prior to the commencement of this notice are deemed to be Approved Intervention Seals and may be used as such for the purposes of Part 4.3 where the only deviation from the specification set out in part 13.5 is that the unique serial number sequence consists of the letter X followed by 8 numeric digits.

### 16.2 Manufacturers of official devices deemed to be approved

- (1) The manufacturers of official devices listed in the table below are deemed to be approved manufacturers of the devices set out in Column E of the table until 1 September 2020.

	<b>Column A: Organisation</b>	<b>Column B: Postal Address</b>	<b>Column C: Physical Address</b>	<b>Column D: City</b>	<b>Column E: Device</b>
1	Absolutely Anything Limited	2195 Waimarama Road, RD 12, HAVELOCK NORTH 4294	2195 Waimarama Road, RD 12,	Havelock North	Branding Tools
2	Hally Labels Limited	P.O Box 11-284 CHRISTCHURCH		Christchurch	Carton Seals Intervention Seals
	Adaero It Limited	P.O. Box 25 FIELDING		Fielding	Carton Seals Intervention Seals
3	Sato New Zealand Limited	PO Box 305031 AUCKLAND 0757	30 Appollo Drive, Mairangi Bay	Auckland	Carton Seals Intervention Seals
4	Mega Fortris New Zealand Limited	PO Box 58397 Botany 2163	70 Titi Road, Mauku Auckland	Auckland	Security Seals High Security Seals
5	Jarvis Engineering Technologies (NZ Ltd)		5 Te Apunga Place, Mt Wellington	Auckland	Branding Tools