

## **Discussion Document on the Review of the Animal Products (Specifications for the Ante-mortem and Post-mortem Examination of Poultry Intended for Human or Animal Consumption) Notice 2005**

### **Purpose:**

To undertake a review of the Animal Products (Specifications for the Ante-mortem and Post-mortem Examination of Poultry Intended for Human or Animal Consumption) Notice 2005 and its amendment Notice, 2005.

### **Background:**

The purpose of the Animal Products (Specifications for the Ante-mortem and Post-mortem Examination of Poultry Intended for Human or Animal Consumption) Notice 2005 and its amendment was to:

- establish the requirements applicable to ante-mortem (AM) and post-mortem (PM) examination of poultry and poultry material: and
- to produce fit-for-purpose product through robust AM and PM processes.

The purpose of this review is to combine the two notices and update the combined Notice to:

- align with new or updated Regulations; and
- to harmonize content across Regulations, other Notices and Operational Codes; and
- to clarify competency requirements that have been revised by NZQA; and
- to streamline Schedule 1 (disposition tables) and to move Schedule 2 (acceptable levels of abnormality) to the Operational Code: Processing of Poultry.

The proposed new Notice will amend and replace these existing Notices:

Animal Products ([Specifications for the Ante-mortem and Post-mortem Examination of Poultry Intended for Human or Animal Consumption](#)) Notice 2005

Animal Products Notice ([Specifications for the Ante-mortem And Post-mortem Examination of Poultry Intended for Human or Animal Consumption](#)) Amendment Notice 2005

The numbering of some clauses in the Notice has changed, through the consolidation of some existing Parts. A reference table has been created listing the old and new numbering, to assist operators when updating their RMPs (see Quick Reference Table for Old and New Clause Numbering for AMPM Specs).

A plain English approach has been taken e.g. making sentences shorter, more meaningful headings, using active voice, removing floating sentences, etc. Outdated references have been removed or amended to simplify the Notice, making regulations clear, and improving the ability of operators to comply.

Some changes have been made in anticipation of the Regulatory Redesign project. This project is a result of the Food Safety Law Reform Act 2018 which compels MPI to review all relevant regulations and notices to ensure legislation is at the appropriate level.

## Summary of amendments:

The key changes addressed here are:

- a) Issuing a new notice in the form of an amendment to the current Animal Products (Specifications for the Ante-mortem and Post-mortem Examination of Poultry Intended for Human or Animal Consumption) Notice 2005 and Animal Products (Specifications for the Ante-mortem And Post-mortem Examination of Poultry Intended for Human or Animal Consumption) Amendment Notice 2005', and
- b) Deleting Schedule 2 of the current notice 'Acceptable Level of Abnormalities (ALA)'; and
- c) Adding a section on 'Process Control' that will be detailed in the Operational Code: Processing of Poultry, and will include 'abnormalities' from Schedule 2 of the present Notice; and
- d) Updating competencies and NZQA unit standards; and
- e) Updating Schedule 1 so that it covers food safety-related disease and defects (not quality-related defects); and
- f) Aligning this Notice with other Animal Products Act 1999 legal instruments e.g. Animal Products: Specifications for Products Intended for Human Consumption, Animal Products: Specifications for Products Intended for Animal Consumption, etc.

## Messages for interested stakeholders

The following are suggested points to share with interested stakeholders:

- The Animal Products (Specifications for the Ante-mortem and Post-mortem Examination of Poultry Intended for Human or Animal Consumption) Notice 2005 is being reviewed to update and improve the technical aspects of the Notice.
- The Animal Products (Specifications for the Ante-mortem And Post-mortem Examination of Poultry Intended for Human or Animal Consumption) Amendment Notice 2005 is being replaced with the relevant parts of the draft amendment Notice.
- This new draft notice is being made available in June 2020 for stakeholders, as part of the public consultation. Stakeholders will be notified through industry forums, directly via email and through a notification to subscribers of the MPI website.
- Technical changes are expected to reflect current practice and add clarity where required.
- Public consultation is expected to take about 4-6 weeks, then there will be a period of analysis of submissions before the new Notice is published.
- Submissions should be made on the submissions template provided.
- Some changes have been made in anticipation of the [Regulatory Redesign Project](#) (the Food Safety Law Reform Act 2018 which compels MPI to review all relevant regulations and notices to ensure legislation is at the appropriate level).

## What happens next

All submissions will be considered after this external consultation. This public consultation provides you with an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes.