
Approval Notice Amending Carton Seals and Intervention Seals

Animal Products (Export Requirements for Branding, Marking and Security
Devices) Notice 2006

30 July 2007

Authorisation

In accordance with subclause 5(3) of the Animal Products (Export Requirements for Branding, Marking and Security Devices) Notice 2006 I, the undersigned, hereby approve the following changes to the following official devices.

This approval notice is effective from the date of signing.

Carton Seals and Intervention seals

The following changes to the official carton seal and intervention seal requirements take effect from the date of signing of this notice.

1. Carton seals must be produced in one of the following forms—
 - an adhesive strip (carton seal strip), used in addition to other forms of carton closure, this is the traditional form of carton seal; or
 - an adhesive tape (carton seal tape), which is capable of being used as the sole means of carton closure.
2. The competent authority title currently on carton and intervention seals “New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry”, is replaced by “New Zealand Food Safety Authority”.
3. The shoulder number of the carton seal changes from AgM85 to AP85, the shoulder number of the intervention seal changes from AgM800 to AP800.
4. With reference to carton seal tape: the dimension requirements, already established for carton seals, refer to the area occupied by the mandatory printed content of the seal not the physical dimensions of the tape itself.
5. Carton seal tape background colour must be solid white or transparent (non-coloured).

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6. The wording inside the oval of the intervention seal must be changed to “Opened and closed by an authorised official of the New Zealand Food Safety Authority”. An authorised official is—
 - an Authorised Person, or
 - an Animal Products Officer, or
 - an Official Assurance Verifier.
 7. Indelibility requirements for overbranding:
 - a. If a carton seal is overbranded then it must not be possible to remove the overbranding ink without consequent damage to the printed content of the seal being readily apparent.
 - b. If a carton seal does not readily accept overbranding inks, meeting the indelibility requirements mentioned above, the seal must be physically removed or damaged to the extent that the seal can no longer be regarded as fulfilling its intended function.
 8. The AgM85 NZMAF carton seal and AgM800 NZMAF intervention seal cannot be ordered from carton seal manufacturers from the date this notice comes into effect. All new orders must be for the AP85 NZFSA carton seal and AP800 NZFSA intervention seal.

Other Conditions

All other [conditions](#) applying to carton seals and intervention seals, not directly altered by the changes given above, remain in force and continue to apply.

Transition

1. Orders placed for NZMAF carton seals, for which the approved printer has commenced the print run before the date this notice comes into effect, may be despatched for use in accordance with 3 below.
2. Orders for NZMAF carton seals, placed before the date this notice comes into effect but for which the printer does not commence the print run until after the date this notice comes into effect, must be printed as NZFSA carton seals; the approved printer is not required to receive or supply any follow up documentation before applying this provision.
3. Operators may use remaining stocks of NZMAF carton seals for up to 1 year after the date this notice comes into effect.

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4. The serial numbers on NZFSA carton seals must continue from the last NZMAF carton seal serial number. Reverting to the commencing serial number must still only occur 3 years after it was last used.
 5. Only items 2 and 4 of these transitional provisions may be regarded as applicable to intervention seals.

Approved by

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(Acting under delegated authority)