



4 January 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Consultation on proposed new Animal Products Notice:

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) proposes to amend the Animal Products Notice: Dairy Recognised Agencies and Persons Specifications.

The Notice specifies the procedures and requirements for the recognition of agencies and persons.

The proposed amendments are intended to provide:

- (i) a process for the recognition of persons as raw milk farm dairy assessors and responsible verifiers under the Raw Milk for Sale to Consumers Regulated Control Scheme. This is necessary in order to ensure that appropriate recognised persons are available to fulfil the functions required under the Raw Milk for Sale to Consumers Regulations 2015 and the Animal Products Notice: Raw Milk for Sale to Consumers;
- (ii) correction of some technical errors in the Notice; and
- (iii) further clarification of the courses for dairy heat treatment. Successful completion is a competency requirement for persons initially applying for recognition as a risk management programme verifier for manufacturing product groups that include heat treatment.

MPI will be reviewing other areas related to this Notice in 2017 and will consult on any proposed amendments in due course.

Next steps

You are invited to comment on the proposed Animal Products Notice: Dairy Recognised Agencies and Persons Specifications by 5pm Thursday 2 February 2017.

Submitters should include the following information with their submission:

- the name and title of the submitter;
- company name, where applicable;
- address and contact details (phone, fax and e-mail, if available);



- the section title or clause being commented on where appropriate;
- comment describing the issue with the current clause; and
- the proposed amendment (optional).

A template has been provided to assist you in completing your submission. This will help in the analysis of submissions.

Submissions should be addressed to:

Dairy RA/RP Consultation

Animal & Animal Products

Ministry for Primary Industries

PO Box 2526

Wellington 6140; or

Email: animal.products@mpi.govt.nz

A summary of responses will be made available in due course.

All submissions are subject to the Official Information Act 1982. Therefore if you consider that all or part of your submission is commercially sensitive or should be treated as confidential, please state this clearly when making your submission and indicate which of the grounds within the Official Information Act for withholding information you believe applies. MPI will take your request into account when determining whether or not to release information. Please note that any decision by MPI to withhold information is able to be reviewed by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

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**Submissions Template: Proposed amendments to the:
Animal Products Notice: Dairy Recognised Agencies and Persons Specifications**

Please use this table for making your comments for this review.

Name and title:

Organisation's name (if applicable):

Address and contact details (e.g. phone, fax and email):

1. Please identify which Part(s) and Clause(s) or Subclause(s) your comment(s) relates to.
2. Use a separate row(s) for each individual comment relating to a different clause.

1. Part	2. Clause	3. Comment	4. Proposed amendment

Please submit to animal.products@mpi.govt.nz by 5pm Thursday 2 February 2017.