



APPROVAL
FOR THE
EGG RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME TEMPLATE

I Tony Zohrab, Director (Animal Products), approve the Egg Risk Management Programme Template dated 9 July 2004 in its entirety, in accordance with section 12 (3A) of the Animal Products Act, for the purpose of making the determination that the Egg Risk Management Programme Template is valid and appropriate for the businesses of the kind described in the Statement of Application.

Statement of Application

The application of the Egg Risk Management Programme Template is limited to businesses of the kind that are egg primary processing businesses that are involved with both layer and packhouse operations as follows:—

- Layer farm kinds: caged, barn and/or free range
- Packhouse operations of eggs of the kind: caged eggs, barn eggs, free range eggs
- Packhouse operations of: eggs from own farms and eggs from other suppliers.

Without limiting the application, the following processes are covered:—

- Layer processes: Receipt of birds, management of birds, egg collection, storage and transfer to packhouse
- Packhouse processes: Egg sorting, washing, drying, oiling, candling, grading, packing, storage, collection of eggs for further processing.

Signed at Wellington this 15th day of July 2004.

(Signed)

Tony Zohrab
Director (Animal Products)
New Zealand Food Safety Authority

1. Background

- (1) Despite the general requirement that a risk management programme is tailored to the individual business concerned, section 12(3A) of the Animal Products Act (the Act) allows for a risk management programme for a particular business, or part of a business, to be based on a template, a model, or a code of practice, if in the view of the Director-General the template, model, or code of practice is valid and appropriate for businesses of that kind.
- (2) The NZFSA has published the *Animal Products Act 1999 — Approval of Templates, Models, Codes of Practice Statement of Policy* to clarify the application of section 12(3A) of the Act and provide the procedural arrangements for assessing and approving a template, model, or code of practice.
- (3) The NZFSA has developed a risk management programme template for egg primary processors referred to as the 'Egg Risk Management Programme Template'. The version approved is dated 9 July 2004. This template is applicable to all egg primary processors irrespective of their treatment under the transitional arrangements for having a risk management programme registered.

2. Justification

- (1) The following aspects have been considered in making this approval:—
 - (a) the Egg Risk Management Programme Template's incorporation of regulatory requirements that are applicable for the kind of businesses concerned;
 - (b) the Egg Risk Management Programme Template's incorporation of Good Operating Practice, the application of HACCP principles and other RMP components that are appropriate for the kind of businesses concerned;
 - (c) the Egg Risk Management Programme Template's appropriate identification of regulatory requirements distinct from strongly recommended practice distinct from helpful information, and as relevant, an indication of what this distinction means in terms of application to a business; and
 - (d) the Egg Risk Management Programme Template's practical and achievable for the kind of businesses concerned.
- (2) The Egg Risk Management Programme Template meets criteria (a), (b) and (d). Of note, the Egg Risk Management Programme Template was derived from the published Egg Code of Practice which has been used by industry for a period of some two years. Feedback received on the Code of Practice at training sessions, conferences, road-shows etc was incorporated into the Egg Risk Management Programme Template.
- (3) In regard to the identification of regulatory requirements, recommended practice and guidance material, it is noted that the Egg Risk Management Programme Template does not make a clear distinction, however all allowances for specific businesses to tailor the Egg Risk Management Programme Template to their particular operation are clearly identified and as such it is considered that the business application is clear.

3. Disclaimer

(1) Considerable effort has been made to ensure that the information provided in the Egg Risk Management Programme Template is accurate, up to date, and otherwise adequate in all respects. Nevertheless, this Template is approved STRICTLY on the basis that the Crown, the New Zealand Food Safety Authority, its statutory officers, employees, agents, and all other persons involved with the writing, editing, approval or publication of, or any other kind of work in connection with the Egg Risk Management Programme Template:

- a) disclaim any and all responsibility for any inaccuracy, error, omission, or any other kind of inadequacy, deficiency, or flaw in, or in relation to, the Egg Risk Management Programme Template; and
- b) without limiting a) above, fully exclude any and all liability of any kind, on the part of any and all of them, to any person or entity that applies the Egg Risk Management Programme Template.