



Overview of Legislation

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Animal Products Act 1999</u></p> <p>The objective of the Act is to –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) minimise and manage risks to human or animal health arising from the production and processing of animal material and products by instituting measures that ensure so far as practicable that all traded animal products are fit for intended purpose; and (b) facilitate the entry of animal material and products into overseas markets by providing the controls and mechanisms needed to give and to safeguard official assurances for entry into those markets. <p><u>Part 2 – Risk Management Programmes (RMPs)</u> An RMP is a programme designed to identify, control, manage, eliminate or minimise hazards and other risks during processing of animal material & products</p> <p><u>Part 3 – Regulated Control Schemes</u> RCSs are special regulatory regimes to provide for cases where it is inappropriate or impractical to manage risk factors under an RMP or where special provision is required for the purposes of overseas market access requirement.</p> <p><u>Part 4 – Animal Product Standards</u> This part provides for the setting of standards and specifications that must be met by any animal product intended for trade or processed for reward before it may be considered fit for intended purpose.</p> <p><u>Part 5 – Export of Animal Material and Products</u> The purpose of this Part is to facilitate export by providing for the specifying of requirements that must be met for products to be eligible for export; providing for requirements and systems intended to safeguard official assurances & providing for the registration of exporters.</p> <p><u>Part 8 – Recognised Agencies, Persons and Classes of Persons</u> The purpose of this Part is to provide for the recognition of agencies and persons to perform specialist functions and activities including verification under the Act.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Food Act 2014</u></p> <p>Food Act 2014 commenced on 1 March 2016. There is a 3 year transition period for existing business to move from operating under the Food Hygiene Regulations 1974 or a food safety programme to the requirements of the Food Act 2014.</p> <p>The purpose of this Act is to—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) restate and reform the law relating to how persons trade in food; and (b) achieve the safety and suitability of food for sale; and (c) maintain confidence in New Zealand’s food safety regime; and (d) provide for risk-based measures that— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) minimise and manage risks to public health; and (ii) protect and promote public health; and (e) provide certainty for food businesses in relation to how the requirements of this Act will affect their activities; and (f) require persons who trade in food to take responsibility for the safety and suitability of that food. <p><u>Part 2 – Risk-based measures</u> Food sectors are classified into three classes of risk. Higher risk food businesses must operate under a Food Control Plan, medium to lower risk food businesses under a National Programme and very low risk businesses under neither (but still need to make safe and suitable food).</p> <p><u>Part 3 – Food imported for purpose of sale</u> This Part covers requirements for imported foods.</p> <p><u>Part 4 – Provisions relating to recognition, territorial authorities, administration, and enforcement</u> This Part includes directions by chief executive, for example recall.</p> <p><u>Part 5 – Miscellaneous provisions</u> This Part includes provisions for regulations and standards, including Food Standards.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ACVM Act 1994</u></p> <p>The purpose of this Act is to—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) prevent or manage risks associated with the use of agricultural compounds, being— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) risks to public health; and (ii) risks to trade in primary produce; and (iii) risks to animal welfare; and (iv) risks to agricultural security; (b) ensure that the use of agricultural compounds does not result in breaches of domestic food residue standards; and (c) ensure the provision of sufficient consumer information about agricultural compounds. <p><u>Part 2 – Importation, manufacture and sale of agricultural compounds</u> Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines (Exemptions and Prohibited Substances) Regulations 2011 Requirements for exempt Oral Nutritional compounds – Pet Food. Animal Feeds Classification of Substances as Generally Recognised as Safe (GRAS)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Food Standards Code</u></p> <p>The Code provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a common set of food composition and labelling rules agreed between New Zealand and Australia; b) access, for consumers, to information about what's in the food they eat. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Biosecurity Act 1993</u></p> <p>Law relating to the exclusion, eradication, and effective management of pests and unwanted organisms, including those already established here.</p> <p><u>Part 3 –Importation of risk goods</u> 22: Import Health Standards 39: Transitional Facilities 44: General duty to inform 46: Duty to report notifiable organism</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Animal Welfare Act 1999</u></p> <p>Establishes fundamental obligations relating to the care of animals. These obligations are written in general terms with detail found in codes of welfare. Codes contain minimum standards which have a legal effect under the Act for the care and management of animals.</p> <p><u>Guide to Animal Welfare Act 1999</u></p> <p><u>Part 5 – Codes of Welfare</u> Includes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Layer Hens</u> <p>OTHER ACTS <u>Commerce Act 1986</u> <u>Consumer Guarantees Act 1993</u> <u>Fair Trading Act 1986</u> <u>Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996</u> <u>Resource Management Act 1991</u> <u>Health and Safety at Work Act 2015</u> <u>Weights and Measures Act 1987</u></p> <p>OTHER RELEVANT ROADMAPS Poultry Roadmap Transport Roadmap</p>
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[Animal Products Act 1999](#)

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Regulations			
Animal Products (Fees, Charges and Levies) Regulations 2007			
Animal Products Regulations 2000			
Animal Products (Exemptions and Inclusions) Order 2000			
Risk Management Programmes			
Notices	Guidance	COP & RMP Templates	Forms
Animal Products (Risk Management Programme Specifications) Notice 2008	Overview of Poultry and Egg Requirements	RMP template for eggs	AP4 - RMP registration form
Animal Products (Requirements for Risk Management Programme Outlines) Notice 2008	RMP Manual 2018	Cold and dry stores - Code of practice	AP5 - Registration of RMP under New Operator
Animal Products Notice: Specifications For Products Intended For Human Consumption 2019	Standardisation of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) 2012	Guidance document: How to Determine the Shelf Life of Food 2016	AP6 - Registration of Amendment to RMP
Animal Products Notice: Specifications for Products Intended for Animal Consumption Notice 2017	Technical Annex: Egg Code of Practice		AP49 - Processing categories tables
Animal Products (Definition of Primary Processor) Notice 2000	Exemption from RMP requirement		AP50 - Minor Update to RMP Details Notification Form
	Food Labelling Requirements for Eggs and Egg Products 2018		AP55 - Registration of RMP: Special Circumstances
	Labelling and selling eggs in their shells (shell eggs) 2018		AP60 - Change of Recognised Agency for Verification Purposes
	Food Labelling		
Waivers	Policy		
Waiver of the Requirement to Provide a Copy of an Independent Evaluation Report - for RMPs Fully Based on an Approved Template, Model or Code of Practice	Animal Products Act 1999: Independent Evaluation and Verification of Risk Management Programmes 2016		
Waiver of Fees, Charges and Levies for Animal Products 2018	Verification 2005 Statement of Policy		

Notices	Guidance	Forms
Transport of Animal products to be exported requiring an official assurance		
Animal Products Notices: Export Requirements for Transportation of Products for Export with an Official Assurance 2018 Animal Products Notice: Regulated Control Scheme - Transportation and Handling of Products for Export with an Official Assurance 2018	RCS Template - Transport of Animal Material and Product RCS Template - Handling of Animal Material and Product at Wharves	AP16 - Registration of Animal Product Transport / Depot / Export Loading Facility Operator AP16 – Registration of Animal Product Transport/Depot/Export Loading Facility Operator
Maintenance Compounds		
	Approved Maintenance Compounds (Non-Dairy) Manual 2007 Approved Maintenance Compounds (Non-Dairy) Register	AP65 Approval or Re-approval of Maintenance Compound (Non-Dairy)
Laboratory Testing		
Animal Products (Specifications for Laboratories) Notice 2017 Animal Products Notice: Contaminant Specifications 2016 Consolidated List of Tests for Animal Products: meat, poultry, honey, seafood, dairy, live animals and germplasm 2019	Guidance Document: Recognised Laboratory Programme (RLP) 2015	AP18 - Animal Products Recognised Laboratory Programme (RLP) Application Form PAL1 – Registration of Recognised Pesticide Analytical Laboratory
Recognised Agencies and Persons		
Animal Products (Recognised Agencies and Persons Specifications) Notice 2015 Animal products (Requirement for Recognised Agencies to Notify of Termination of Contract) Notice 2008	Guidance Document: Recognised Evaluators of Non-dairy Risk Management Programmes 2019 Guidance Document: Evaluation Manual for Evaluating RMPs which do not cover dairy products 2018	AP7 – Recognition of a Person under the Animal Products Act 1999 AP8 - Recognised Agency AP60 - Change of Recognised Agency for Verification Purposes

Notices	Guidance	Forms
General Export Requirements		
Animal Products Notice: Official Assurances Specifications for Animal Material and Animal Products 2017	Operational Code: Official Assurances Programme – Animal Products 2015 Steps to Exporting Eggs Registering as an exporter	AP1- Animal Product Exporter Registration OP1 - Organic exporter registration Export Non-conformance Report Animal Products Non-dairy
Free Sale Certificates and Statements		
	Free Sale Certificates and Free Sale Statements	CERT4 - Application for a Free Sale Statement CERT2 - Application for a Free Sale Certificate CERT3 - Manufacturer's Declaration to Support Free Sale Certificate CERT1 - Certification Office New Client Registration
Electronic Certification (E-Certs)		
Animal Products Notice: Electronic Certification Systems Costs – Non-dairy Animal Product Industry 2014	Getting access to E-Cert Getting help with E-Cert Terms and Conditions of Use and Privacy Policy for the MPI's E-cert	EC01 - Individual Access to Animal Products E-cert EC03 - System Access to Animal Products E-cert AP26 - Register a Company Coordinator for E-cert E-cert Direct Debit E-cert Organisation to be Billed Animal Products Paper Eligibility Document / Declaration
Export Requirements for Branding, Marking and Security Devices		
Animal Products (Export Requirements for Branding, Marking and Security Devices) Notice 2012 Approval Notice Amending Carton Seals and Intervention Seals 2017	Manual 15: Approvals Brands- Inspection Legend Material-Container Seals 2000 Animal Products - Official Devices Programme: Interim Requirements, and Guidance for Operator Seal use 2006 Animal Products - Official Devices: NZFSA Container Seals 2007 MPI Devices Register	
Export Verification		
Animal Products Notice: Export Verification Requirements 2016	Animal Products Export Verification Programme	

Overseas Market Access Requirements (OMARs)		
<p>OMARs Requirements</p> <p>OMAR Notifications – Animal Products <i>Also refer to country-specific OMAR notifications</i></p> <p>08/009: Laboratory Approval</p> <p>08/036: Imported Animal Product Inspection Requirements</p> <p>OMAR 01/172: Import of Foreign Animal Material and Animal Products and Return To New Zealand of New Zealand Animal Material and Animal Products For Domestic Use or Export <i>Note Clause 4 and 5 amended by 08/036</i></p> <p>OMAR 00/090: Labelling of Animal Materials and Animal Products</p> <p>Animal Products Country Listing – including Dairy</p>	<p>Request access to view password protected export certificate templates – Approval for access to export certificate templates for live animals and germplasm</p> <p>For your information (FYI) Documents – Animal Products <i>Also refer to country-specific FYIs</i></p> <p>F3-03: Label Claims</p> <p>F3/19: Wood Packaging used for Export</p>	<p>AP20(1) - Country Listing: European Union (EU)</p> <p>AP20(2) - Country Listings</p>

[Food Standards Code](#)

Food Labelling and information requirements are set out in the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code (FSC).

Notices	Guidance	Forms
<p>Chapter 1 General Food Standards</p> <p>Part 1.1 Preliminary</p> <p>Part 1.2 Labelling and other Information Requirements</p> <p>Part 1.3 Substances Added To Or Present in Food</p> <p>Part 1.4 Contaminants and Residues</p> <p>Part 1.5 Foods Requiring Pre-market Clearance</p> <p>Part 1.6 Microbiological and Processing Requirements</p> <p>Standard 1.6.1 Microbiological limits in food</p> <p>Chapter 2 Food Product Standards</p> <p>Part 2.2 Meat, Eggs and Fish</p> <p>Standard 2.2.2 Egg and Egg Products (Australia only)</p> <p><i>You can find the relevant schedules for the various standards by clicking on the purple 'schedules' tab.</i></p>	<p>(Australian only) Standard 4.2.5: Primary Production Processing (PPP) Standard for Eggs and Egg Products</p> <p>Food Standards Code User Guides 2016</p> <p>Overview of Food Labelling</p> <p>Legibility Requirements for Food Labels</p> <p>Warning and Advisory Statements and Declarations 2014</p> <p>Ingredient Labelling of Foods 2013</p> <p>Date Marking 2013</p> <p>Nutrition Information Labelling 2013</p> <p>Percentage Labelling 2013</p> <p>Review of Microbiological Limits 2016</p> <p>Methods of Analysis for Foods 2001</p> <p>Generally Expected Levels for Metal Contaminants 2001</p> <p>Compendium of Microbiological Criteria for Food 2018</p>	

[Food Act 2014](#)

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Regulations New Zealand Legislation: Food Regulations 2015 New Zealand Legislation: Food (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2015 New Zealand Legislation: Food (Fees and Charges) Amendment Regulations 2015 Regulations in force until 28 February 2019: New Zealand Legislation: Food (Safety) Regulations 2002 Dietary Supplement Regulations 1985 Food Hygiene Regulations 1974		
Notices	Guidance	Forms
Food Control Plan		
Food Notice: Requirements for Food Control Plans and National Programmes 2017	Steps to a Custom Food Control Plan Guide to Custom Food Control Plan Recall Guidance Material 2015 Guidance document: How to Determine the Shelf Life of Food 2016	FA10C: New Customs Food Control Plan under Food Act 2014 Scope of Operations FA1: Update to deemed Food Control Plan
National Programmes		
Food Notice: Requirements for Food Control Plans and National Programmes 2017	National Programmes	Forms and templates for registering a Food Control Plan or a National Programme
Imported Foods <i>Note: the following requirements have been extracted from Animal Products Act 1999, Food Act 2014 and Biosecurity Act 1993.</i>		
Food Notice: Importing Food 2016 Requirements to meet when importing egg and egg products	Steps to importing egg products Guidance Document: Meeting Requirements as a Registered Food Importer 2016 Transitional & Containment facilities NZ Customs Service Starting Importing	Application for Permit to Import: Animal Products
Others		
Food Standard: New Zealand Food (Supplemented Food) Standard 2016 Food Notice: Maximum Residue Levels for Agricultural Compounds 2018		
Recognised Agencies and Persons		
Food Notice: Recognised Agencies and Persons 2015	Becoming a Recognised Agency or Person Working as a Verifier Working as an Evaluator	Verifier, Evaluator and Food Safety Officer Training modules FA13A: Recognition of an Agency under the Food Act 2014 FA13P: Recognition of a Person under the Food Act 2014

REGISTER AND LISTS

The following links are public registers on the MPI website.

Risk Management Programmes (RMPs), Custom Food Control Plans (FCP), National Programmes (NP)

[Animal Products Risk Management Programmes – including Dairy](#)

[Food Act 2014: Register of Food Control Plan and Businesses subject to a National Programme](#)

Laboratories

[Recognised Laboratory Programme \(RLP\) laboratories](#)

Imports

[Registered Food Importers](#)

Export

[Animal Products Country Listing – including Dairy](#)

[Export Approved Premises](#)

[Registering as an Exporter - Animal Products \(including Dairy\)](#)

[Organic Exporters](#)

[Organics third party agency register](#)

[Regulated Control Scheme \(RCS\) – Transport, Depot, and Export Loading Facility Operators](#)

[Veterinary Authorised/Authorised Persons Designated to Sign MPI Live Animal Exports & Germplasm Certificates](#)

[Veterinary Authorised/Authorised Persons Designated to Sign MPI Meat Export Certificates](#)

[Wharf Registrations](#)

Recognised Agencies and Persons

[Consultants: Risk Management Programmes](#)

[Recognised Persons \(Evaluators\) – Animal Products \(excluding Dairy\)](#)

[Recognised Persons \(Verifiers\) – Animal Products \(excluding Dairy\)](#)

[Recognised Verification Agencies – Animal Products \(including Dairy\)](#)

[Recognised Agencies: Food Act 2014](#)

[Recognised Persons: Food Act 2014](#)

Consultants

[Consultants: Food Safety Programme and Food Labelling](#)

[Risk Management Programme Consultants](#)

OTHER INFORMATION	
ORGANICS	
Organic Food – MPI Policy Statement Selling organic products in New Zealand Organics - Exporting products Organics - Importing products Resources - Industry organisations NZS 8410:2003: Organic Production - Standards NZ MPI Official Organic Assurance Programme (OOAP) Assurance Certificate/Consignment Registration OP1 - Organic Exporter Registration	
SCIENCE AND RISK	
Codex (MPI website) Codex Alimentarius (External Website)	
ACVM Information	
Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for Agricultural Compounds	
Industry Organisations	
Eggs Producers Federation of New Zealand Poultry Industry Association of New Zealand	