



Memorandum

Ref: Animal Products Notice: Ante-mortem and Post-mortem examination of Mammals, Ostrich and Emu
Intended for Human Consumption

To: AsureQuality
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Subject: **REPLACEMENT OF ANIMAL PRODUCTS (ANTE-MORTEM AND POST-MORTEM EXAMINATION OF MAMMALS, OSTRICH AND EMU INTENDEND FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION) NOTICE 2006 AND MANUAL 16**

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is proposing to amend the Animal Product (Ante-mortem and Post-mortem Examination of Mammal, Ostrich and Emu intended for Human Consumption) Notice 2006 and replace this notice as Animal Products Notice: Ante-mortem and Post-mortem examination of Mammals, Ostrich and Emu intended for Human Consumption. The current post-mortem examination procedures ('Manual 16') will be reissued as three separate documents.

The Notice specifies the requirements that must be met in relation to ante-mortem and post-mortem examination of mammals, ostrich and emu where the resulting animal products are intended for human consumption. This Notice also sets out responsibilities for ante-mortem examiners, post-mortem examiners and operators in relation to these requirements.

The Notice is to be amended in relation to:

- update references to Manual 16
- clarifying requirements in relation to whole herd health schemes
- introducing requirements for competent detain rail personnel and responsibilities for these, and
- setting out options when ante-mortem examination is missed

Manual 16 is to be split into three chapters detailing presentation (chapter 6), examination (chapter 7) and dispositions (chapter 8) to form part of the Meat Code of Practice. This will not change the requirements from the current Manual 16. However, the post-mortem examination procedures are to be amended in relation to:

- Reformatting requirements for examination of specified tissues for different classes of animals
- Clarifying requirements for presentation, and
- Rectifying editorial errors

Next steps

You are invited to make a submission on the draft Notice and chapters 6, 7 and 8 by 5pm on Friday 12 December 2014.

Please include the following information with your submission:

- your name and title;
- organisation's name (where applicable);
- address and contact details (phone, fax and e-mail, if available);
- name and title of the clause being commented on where appropriate.

Submissions should be addressed to:
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MPI will analyse the submissions and amend the documents as appropriate based on this analysis. The Notice and the chapters will then be posted on the MPI website

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All submissions are subject to the Official Information Act 1982. MPI expects to release all submissions. 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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