Consultation on the Discussion Paper; Inclusion of Porcine in the NMD, and;

proposed amendment to the Animal Products (National Microbiological Database Specifications) Notice 2008 and Schedule 1 Technical Procedures.

17 November 2008

Dear Interested Party

The New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZFSA) is beginning public consultation on a proposed inclusion of porcine in NMD; presented in the Discussion Paper. This will require amendment to the Animal Products (National Microbiological database Specifications) Notice 2008 and Schedule 1 Technical Procedures. Changes to the existing red meat and poultry programmes are included and these are of an editorial nature.

The period in which written submissions will be accepted closes at 5.00pm on Friday 23 January 2009.

Please see attached for copies of the Discussion Paper, the draft Animal Products (National Microbiological database Specifications) Notice 2009 and Schedule 1 Technical Procedures, and the draft Amendment Coversheet.
The proposed revisions are included under the following sections within the draft Animal Products (National Microbiological Database Specifications) Notice 2009 and Schedule 1 Technical Procedures:

**The Notice:**

Schedule changed to Schedule 1 and Act used to mean Animal Products Act 1999 (as defined in Part 1 clause 4 Interpretation) throughout.

- Part 1, clause 4, Interpretation
- Part 2, clauses 9, 11 and 13, National Microbiological Programme
- Part 3, clause 14, Revocations

**Schedule 1:**

**Red meat including porcine**

- Interpretation
- Section 1.1 Species to which the National Microbiological Database Programme Applies.
- Section 2.1 NMD Sampling Requirements - Red Meat and Poultry.
- Section 2.2.1 VLT provisions for domestic only and non EU and/or non US listed premises.
- Section 2.3 Summary Table
- Section 2.5 *Salmonella* Sampling Programme.
- Section 2.5 Group 2 (Ostrich/Emu and Porcine) – *Salmonella*
- Section 2.5.2 Group 2 *Salmonella*
- Section 2.7.1.1 Carcasses post slaughter and dressing
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• Section 3.5.4 Collection and transport of whole tissue samples
• Section 4.4 Preparation of swab samples for APC and E.coli analysis.
• Section 4.5 Preparation of Red Meat Separate Carcass Site Samples Swabbed for Salmonella Analysis
• Section 5.5.1 General requirements
• Section 6.6.3 Caprine, cervine, ostrich and emu and porcine
• Section 6.7.1 Group 1 and porcine Group 2 – Salmonella performance standard
• Section 6.9 Verification requirements

**Poultry**
• Interpretation
• Section 1.1 Species to which the National Microbiological Database Programme Applies.
• Section 3.4.3 Poultry: whole carcass rinse
• Section 3.4.3.1 Rinse procedure
• Section 4.9.3.3 Reporting results
• Section 6.8 Poultry Campylobacter Performance Target (CPT)
• Section 6.8.1 CPT non-compliance
• Section 6.8.2 Expected operator response to CPT non-compliance
• Section 6.9 Verification Requirements
You are invited to make submissions on the Discussion Paper, the (National Microbiological Database Specifications) Notice 2009 and Schedule 1 Technical Procedures by:

5.00pm, 23 January 2009

Submitters are asked to include the following information with their submission:

- The title of the consultation document;
- The name and title of the submitter;
- Organisation’s name where applicable;
- Submitters address and contact details (phone, fax and email if available);
- The title and number if the clause(s) commented on where appropriate.

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Yours sincerely

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