9 November 2007

Dear Stakeholder

**Proposed amendment to the Animal Products (National Microbiological Database Specifications) Notice 2007 and Schedule 1 Technical Procedures.**

The New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZFSA) proposes to amend the Animal Products (National Microbiological Database Specifications) Notice 2007 and Schedule 1 Technical Procedures to include:

- Further detail for Red Meat bulk sampling procedures
- Changes resulting from the three month review of the NMD Poultry *Campylobacter* Programme
- Inclusion of *Campylobacter* Poultry Target and regulatory responses.


The draft revisions are included under the following sections within Animal Products (National Microbiological Database Specifications) Notice 2008 and Schedule 1 Technical Procedures:

**Red Meat**
- Section 2.11 Weekly Sampling Plan for Red Meat – Random Rotational Sampling
- Section 3.4.2 Whole tissue composite sampling technique for bulk meat
- Section 3.5.3 Transportation temperature and times for red meat samples
- Section 3.5.5 Transport of red meat *Salmonella* samples
- Section 6.5 Ovine NMT 95th Percentile m Limits: APC
- Section 6.10 Verification Requirements.

**Poultry**
- Notice; Clause 5 Interpretation
- Notice; Clause 7 (f)
- Section 1.4 NMD Administration
• Section 2.2.2 VLT for poultry premises.
• Section 2.3 Summary table.
• Section 2.6 Poultry Campylobacter Testing Programme
• Section 2.10 Summary
• Section 2.12 Poultry Campylobacter Target Sampling Requirements
• Section 2.14.3 Transport and temperature requirements for poultry caecal samples
• Section 3.1 Manufacture of Diluents for Sampling and Analysis
• Section 3.4.3 Poultry whole carcass rinse
• Section 3.5.6 Poultry samples
• Section 3.5.8 Transport and temperature requirements for poultry whole carcass rinse samples
• Section 4.1 Dilutions Required
• Section 4.1.1 High end dilutions
• Section 4.3.1 Introduction
• Section 4.8 Escherichia coli Petrifilm™
• Section 4.9.1.2 Poultry carcass rinse samples and red meat primal cut and bulk meat swab suspensions for Salmonella analysis
• Section 4.10 Poultry Carcass Campylobacter Direct Plate Enumeration Method
• Section 4.10.4.1 Oxidase/Latex confirmation
• Section 4.11.5 Reporting of Results
• Section 5.2.2 Campylobacter enumeration
• Section 5.4 Limits of Detection
• Section 5.5.1 General requirements
• Section 5.5.4 Responsibility of laboratories
• Section 6.9 Poultry Campylobacter Performance Target
• Section 6.10 Verification Requirements.

You are invited to make submissions on the proposed Animal Products (National Microbiological Database Specifications) Notice 2008 and Schedule 1 Technical Procedures by:

5.00pm, Thursday 20 December 2007

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

• The title of the discussion 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.
Submissions should be addressed to Programme Manager (Laboratory and Microbiological Programmes) Alternatively, responses can be Faxed to: (04) 894 2675 Emailed to: gail.mustor@nzfsa.govt.nz
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The revised draft is concurrently subject to internal review, including review from the NZFSA legal team and may be subject to change as a result of that process.

Yours sincerely

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