MEMORANDUM

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Date  16 November 2009

From  Mary Western, Deputy Director (Standards) – Standards Group

Subject  Consultation on Draft Generic RMP Model for the Processing of Edible Sheep and
         Lamb Casings (and accompanying Technical Annex) – of the Meat Code of Practice

Background and update
For many years the meat industry has used a range of industry/industry-agreed standards, which are now
in the process of being updated, with several Parts in various stages of development and consultation. An
overview is available in the draft Code of Practice – Processing of Meat Products, Part 1: Overview. Once
finalised this Code of Practice will consist of the following four parts:

•  Part 1: Overview;
•  Part 2: Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP), comprising a number of Chapters such as 8 – Disposition;
•  Part 3: HACCP Application, including generic RMP models;
•  Part 4: Identification and Control of Risk Factors Related to Wholesomeness and Labelling

Following on from the consultation that has already occurred on:

•  Part 1: Processing of Meat Products, Overview; and
•  Various Part 2 Chapters including 3: Hygiene and Sanitation and 5: Slaughter and Dressing.

The Draft Generic Risk Management Programme (RMP) Model for the Processing of Edible Sheep and
Lamb Casings and the accompanying Draft Technical Annex are now being circulated in draft form for
consultation.
The scope of this model is the processing of casings, from receipt of gut sets from the slaughter floor to loadout of packed salted casings.

You are invited to make submissions on these drafts by **5.00pm, Friday 11 December 2009**.

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

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

Submissions should be addressed to:

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All submissions are subject to the Official Information Act 1982. 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.

Yours faithfully

(signed)

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