MEMORANDUM

To

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Abattoir Association – Gary Beecroft
Ostrich and Emu Standards Council – Ross Davies
Deer Industry New Zealand – John Moynihan
Poultry Industry Association – Michael Brooks
Seafood Standards Council – Cathy Webb

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From Judy Barker, Assistant Director (Production and Processing)

Subject CONSULTATION ON DRAFT CODE OF PRACTICE: RENDERING

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 chapters in various stages of development and consultation. An overview is available in the draft Code of Practice – Processing of Meat Products, Part 1: Overview.

In addition to the work in the meat area, work is progressing on the development of the Seafood Processing Code of Practice. This Code has been under development since 2005 with the seafood industry taking the lead and receiving input from the NZFSA. The draft code was release for consultation in August 2007 and is now being finalised for its upcoming release.

Industry Standard 7: Byproducts (IS7) has been used by both the meat and seafood industries. The rendering requirements in IS7 will be replaced with the Code of Practice: Rendering.
Following on from the previous consultation that occurred on Part 1: Overview, which was circulated for consultation in August 2007, the entire Code of Practice is now being circulated in draft form for consultation. The Draft Code of Practice: Rendering, which covers the NZ Standard, consists of the following parts:

- Part 1 – Overview
  - this has been updated since it was previous released for consultation;
- Part 2 – Good Operating Practice (GOP), which is presented in the following way:
  - Purpose and Scope;
  - Regulatory requirements;
  - Procedures (for compliance);
  - Guidance (boxed text);
- Part 3 – HACCP Application, and the Identification of Other Risk Factors and their Controls
  - including the accompanying Draft Generic RMP Model for Rendering

This layout is consistent with other Codes of Practice being developed with other animal product sectors. Export and market access requirements are not included.

As is the case for the Meat and Seafood COPs, Part 2 of the Rendering COP will contain the specific legal requirements provided for under the Animal Products Act 1999, and guidance material which if applied is considered to be a means of meeting those legal requirements. An operator is expected to follow the procedures (for compliance) unless an alternative method is confirmed as valid in the RMP. The text given in the boxes is guidance material only which the operator may or may not choose to follow.

The Draft Code of Practice: Rendering is now being circulated in draft form for consultation. No decision has yet been made whether a Technical Annex will accompany this Code of Practice. You are invited to make submissions on the Draft Code of Practice by 5.00pm, Friday 7 November 2008.
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

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