
Approval for the Risk Management Programme (RMP) Template for Dairy Processors – Cheese, Domestic Supply

June 2008

I, Carol Barnao Director (Standards), approve the Risk Management Programme (RMP) Template for Dairy Processors – Cheese, Domestic Supply dated June 2008 in its entirety, in accordance with section 12(3A) of the Animal Products Act 1999 for the purpose of making the determination that the Risk Management Programme (RMP) Template for Dairy Processors – Cheese, Domestic Supply is valid and appropriate for the businesses of the kind described in the Statement of Application.

Statement of Application

The application of the Risk Management Programme (RMP) Template for Dairy Processors – Cheese, Domestic Supply is limited to businesses of the kind that are dairy processors involved in the manufacture of cheese.

Without limiting the application, the following processes are covered:-

- Cheese manufacture

Signed at Wellington this 16th day of June 2008.

(Signed)

Carol Barnao

Director (Standards)

New Zealand Food Safety Authority

(Acting under delegated authority)

1. Background

1. Despite the general requirement that a risk management programme (RMP) is tailored to the individual business concerned, section 12(3A) of the Animal Products Act 1999 (the Act) allows for a RMP for a particular business, or part of a business, to be based on a template, a model, or a code of practice, if in the view of the Director-General the template, model or code of practice is valid and appropriate for businesses of that kind.
2. The NZFSA has published the Animal Products Act 1999 – Approval of Templates, Models, Codes of Practice Statement of Policy to clarify the application of section 12(3A) of the Act and provide the procedural arrangements for assessing and approving a template, model or code of practice.
3. The NZFSA has developed an RMP template for dairy processors manufacturing cheese for New Zealand and Australia only, referred to as the 'Risk Management Programme (RMP) Template for Dairy Processors – Cheese, Domestic Supply'. The version approved is dated June 2008.

2. Justification

1. In making this approval the following have been considered:-
 - a. The Risk Management Programme (RMP) Template for Dairy Processors – Cheese, Domestic Supply incorporation of regulatory requirements that are applicable for the kind of business concerned;
 - b. The Risk Management Programme (RMP) Template for Dairy Processors – Cheese, Domestic Supply incorporation of Good Operating Practice, the application of HACCP principles, other RMP components, and requirements of DPC3 Manufacturing of Dairy Material and Products, Animal Products (Dairy) approved criteria that are appropriate for the kind of business concerned;
 - c. Whether the Risk Management Programme (RMP) Template for Dairy Processors – Cheese, Domestic Supply has appropriate identification of regulatory requirements distinct from strongly recommended practice distinct from helpful information, and as relevant, an indication of what this distinction means in terms of application to a business; and
 - d. Whether the Risk Management Programme (RMP) Template for Dairy Processors – Cheese, Domestic Supply is practical and achievable for the kind of businesses concerned.

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2. The Risk Management Programme (RMP) Template for Dairy Processors – Cheese, Domestic Supply meets criteria 2.1(a) - (d). Feedback received from a representative of the New Zealand Specialist Cheesemakers' Association and this was incorporated into the Risk Management Programme (RMP) Template for Dairy Processors – Cheese, Domestic Supply.
 3. In regard to the identification of regulatory requirements, recommended practice and guidance material, it is noted that the Risk Management Programme (RMP) Template for Dairy Processors – Cheese, Domestic Supply has clearly identified the regulatory requirements in each section of attachment, however allowances for specific businesses to tailor relevant parts of the Risk Management Programme (RMP) Template for Dairy Processors – Cheese, Domestic Supply to their particular operation are clearly identified and as such it is considered that the business application is clear.

3. Disclaimer

1. Considerable effort has been made to ensure that the information provided in the Risk Management Programme (RMP) Template for Dairy Processors – Cheese, Domestic Supply is accurate, up to date, and otherwise adequate in all respects. Nevertheless, this RMP template is approved STRICTLY on the basis that the Crown, the New Zealand Food Safety Authority, its statutory officers, employees, agents, and all other persons involved with the writing, editing, approval or publication of, or any other kind of work in connection with the Risk Management Programme (RMP) Template for Dairy Processors – Cheese, Domestic Supply:
 - a. Disclaim any and all responsibility for any inaccuracy, error, omission, or any other kind of inadequacy, deficiency, or flaw in, or in relation to, the Risk Management Programme (RMP) Template for Dairy Processors – Cheese, Domestic Supply; and
 - b. Without limiting a) above, fully exclude any and all liability of any kind, on the part of any and all of them, to any person or entity that applies the Risk Management Programme (RMP) Template for Dairy Processors – Cheese, Domestic Supply.