

MAF Food Assurance Authority

**Agricultural Compounds and
Veterinary Medicines Group
Operational Policy**

CERTIFICATION

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ACVM GROUP OPERATIONAL POLICY - CERTIFICATION

1 BACKGROUND

The purpose of this policy is:

- To reconfirm the ACVM Group operational policy on certification by the ACVM Group;
- To ensure that the certification is within the scope of the Animal Remedies and Pesticides Acts; and
- To ensure that there is adequate focus on verification before certification.

2 POLICY

- 2.1 The ACVM Group will not maintain a verification/certification service where that service can be provided by the private sector.
- 2.2 A verification/certification service will only be provided when the service relates to products regulated by legislation (Animal Remedies, Pesticides, Stockfoods and Fertilisers Acts and in the future the ACVM Act) administered by the ACVM Group.
- 2.3 Certification will be limited to official New Zealand certification that is within the mandate of MAF, or MAF certification on behalf of the either the Animal Remedies Board or the Pesticides Board.
- 2.4 Certification will be to importing country requirements and will not be customised to meet individual requests.
- 2.5 The ACVM Group will provide, on request and at the expense of the inquirer, a certificate of free sale (based on that class determination), stating that the product:
 - ‘Is licensed/registered and can be lawfully and freely sold in New Zealand in accordance with the terms and conditions in the license/registration.’Or
 - ‘Does not require licensing/registration under the Animal Remedies Act 1967 / Pesticides Act 1979 and can be lawfully and freely sold in New Zealand without a licence/registration, provided it is in accordance with the terms and conditions imposed under any other New Zealand legislation.’

- 2.6 The ACVM Group will only certify (Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP), origin, etc) **when it can verify** the content of the certificate, and only for product(s):
- that are within the scope of the Animal Remedies/Pesticides Act; and
 - that are uniquely identified goods (either because the goods have been inspected, or they are produced in a manufacturing system approved and audited by the ACVM Group), and
 - in accordance with the overall MAF Food certification policies.