



Animal Products (Sulphonamide–On–Site Monitoring and Surveillance and Non–Sulphonamide Antibiotic Monitoring (Bobby Calves) Specifications) Notice 2005

Pursuant to sections 40 and 167(1)(g) of the Animal Products Act 1999, and the Animal Products (Regulated Control Scheme–Contaminant Monitoring and Surveillance) Regulations 2004, I, Carol Barnao, Director (Animal Products) issue the following notice for the purpose of specifying the requirements for Sulphonamide–On–Site monitoring and surveillance, and Non–Sulphonamide Antibiotic monitoring, in relation to bobby calves.

Signed at Wellington this 1st day of August 2005.

(signed)

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(Acting under delegated authority)

Certified in order for signature

(signed)

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Notice

1 Title

This notice is the Animal Products (Sulphonamide-on-Site Monitoring and Surveillance and Non-Sulphonamide Antibiotic Monitoring (Bobby Calves) Specifications) Notice 2005.

2 Commencement

This notice comes into force on 2 August 2005.

Part 1 Preliminary Provisions

3 Application

- (1) This notice applies to —
 - (a) all competent persons who carry out SOS sampling and testing of bobby calves submitted for processing for human consumption; and
 - (b) all agencies that are recognised under Part 8 of the Act as agencies that are responsible for SOS monitoring and surveillance in relation to bobby calves; and
 - (c) any person appointed by the Director-General as a residue programme coordinator; and
 - (d) any person appointed by the Director-General as the SOS proficiency programme administrator; and

- (e) all competent persons who carry out non-sulphonamide antibiotic sampling in relation to bobby calves submitted for processing for human consumption, and such persons must comply with the provisions of this notice.
- (2) Only clauses 5, 6, 10 and 12 of Part 2 apply to Non-Sulphonamide antibiotic sampling.

4 Interpretation

- (1) In this notice, unless the context otherwise requires—

Act means the Animal Products Act 1999 unless otherwise stated

bobby calf means a calf that is presented for slaughter soon after birth and is accepted by the primary processor as a bobby calf

competent person means—

- (a) in the case of the SOS programme, any Animal Products Officer or any person appointed to carry out SOS sampling under this notice; and
- (b) in the case of the SOS programme, any person approved to carry out SOS testing under this notice; and
- (c) in the case of non-SOS antibiotic monitoring, a person authorised under a regulation or specification made under the Act to carry out sampling for the purpose of such monitoring

Residue programme coordinator means any person appointed from time to time by the Director-General to carry out specified duties for the operation of the SOS programme as specified in the letter of appointment and for the purposes of the Animal Products (Regulated Control Scheme—Contaminant Monitoring and Surveillance) Regulations 2004

SOS sampler means any person competent to take samples for the SOS test

SOS means sulphonamide-on-site

SOS programme means all of the of SOS activities including all sampling, testing and reporting activities relating to the SOS testing and non-sulphonamide antibiotic sampling of bobby calves including calves condemned at ante-mortem inspection and calves supplied by sources that are on the surveillance list. The SOS programme also includes all related monitoring, surveillance, relevant documentation and the reporting of results.

SOS proficiency programme means the programme of activities approved by the Director-General from time-to-time for the purpose of ensuring that competent persons are trained and assessed for competency to perform the SOS test

SOS proficiency programme administrator means the person appointed by the Director-General who is responsible for documenting and managing the SOS proficiency programme and maintaining the list of approved competent persons

SOS test means the SOS test performed by competent persons for monitoring or surveillance purposes

- (2) Any term or expression that is defined in the Act or the Animal Products (Ancillary and Transitional Provisions Act) 1999, or the Animal Products (Regulated Control Scheme-Contaminant Monitoring and Surveillance) Regulations 2004 and used, but not defined in this notice has the same meaning as in those Acts or regulations.

Part 2 SOS Programme

5 Bobby calf SOS programme

- (1) A bobby calf SOS programme for the 2005 calendar year for the purpose of monitoring the presence of sulphonamide residues in bobby calves will commence on 2 August and end on 31 December 2005.
- (2) For subsequent years the SOS programme will commence on 1 January and end on 31 December of the same year.
- (3) All competent persons who take samples for the purposes of the SOS programme, must take the samples from randomly selected clinically normal bobby calves that have passed ante-mortem inspection at the rate of 1 sample for every 600 bobby calves received by processors.
- (4) Before taking each sample, the competent person must ensure that the bobby calf has been identified in such a manner that the identity of the supplier of the bobby calf is clearly established.
- (5) All competent persons must carry out activities that are part of the SOS programme in accordance with any requirements contained in any SOS operations manual approved from time-to-time by the Director-General.

6 SOS sampler competency

- (1) Only competent persons may take samples for the SOS programme.
- (2) Any person, other than an Animal Product Officer, who takes samples for SOS testing must be employed by an agency recognised for this purpose under Part 8 of the Act and have been appointed by that agency to take samples for the SOS programme.
- (3) The recognised agency may only appoint persons who are competent to take samples for the SOS programme having regard to their experience, skills and previous training.
- (4) The recognised agency must maintain a list of people it has appointed as SOS samplers.
- (5) The list of SOS samplers maintained by the recognised agency must be available for inspection by the Director-General during normal working hours.

7 Testing requirements

- (1) Only persons approved by the SOS proficiency programme administrator may test samples for the SOS programme.
- (2) The competent person must complete SOS testing within 8 hours of the sample being taken.
- (3) Samples taken at the premises or place of one processor may be SOS tested at that premises or place or at the premises or place of a different processor.
- (4) Samples must be under the control of a competent person at all times until testing is completed.

8 Surveillance list SOS testing of bobby calves

- (1) Bobby calves supplied by risk sources for bobby calves and whose names are entered onto the surveillance list must be tested according to the requirements of this notice.
- (2) The Director-General must determine, on a case-by-case basis, the number of samples to be taken from each separate line or lot of bobby calves from suppliers whose names are entered on the surveillance list.
- (3) Each sample must be tested by a competent person using the SOS test.

9 Condemned calf SOS surveillance testing

- (1) In the case of bobby calves condemned at ante-mortem inspection and from which a blood sample can be physically taken, the competent person must test for the presence of sulphonamide residues using the SOS test.

10 Residue programme coordinator

- (1) The Director-General may appoint one or more residue programme coordinators who must ensure that the requirements of the SOS programme contained in any operations manual approved from time-to-time by the Director-General are met.

11 Proficiency programme administrator

- (1) The Director-General may appoint a person to be the SOS proficiency programme administrator and the notice of appointment must set out the duties of the appointed person and the term and conditions of the appointment.
- (2) The SOS proficiency programme administrator must be employed by an agency recognised for the purpose under section 100(3)(d) of the Act.
- (3) The SOS proficiency programme administrator may delegate his or her duties to one other person employed by the recognised agency for a period of absence not exceeding 30 days during the period covered by the SOS testing activities.
- (4) The SOS proficiency programme administrator is responsible for—
 - (a) oversight of activities necessary for the purpose of ensuring that persons are competent to perform the SOS test and maintain their competency; and
 - (b) approval of competent persons to carry out SOS testing; and
 - (c) administration of the SOS proficiency programme.
- (5) The SOS proficiency programme administrator must maintain a list of competent persons approved to carry out SOS testing and must ensure —
 - (a) that only competent persons are entered onto the list; and
 - (b) that the list of persons competent to perform SOS testing must be available for inspection by the Director-General during ordinary working hours; and
 - (c) that all competent persons are notified in writing by the SOS proficiency programme administrator if approved to carry out SOS testing; and
 - (d) that any competent person who the SOS proficiency programme administrator determines is no longer fit to carry out SOS testing is given the opportunity to provide written reasons why their name should not be removed from the list; and
 - (e) the removal from the list of the name of any competent person who—
 - (i) in his or her expert opinion is no longer fit to carry out SOS testing; and
 - (ii) has not provided, in the opinion of the proficiency programme administrator, an adequate reason for not being removed from the list.

12 Non-sulphonamide antibiotic sampling

- (1) For the purpose of monitoring the presence of non-sulphonamide antibiotics, in the case of bobby calves condemned as unfit for human consumption at post-mortem inspection by reason of showing pathological lesions that are considered to be of bacterial aetiology, all competent persons must carry out sampling at a rate of two calves per week per processor.
- (2) If the number of calves condemned for the reason described in clause 12(1) does not exceed two per week per operator, additional samples must be taken in the following weeks at a time when condemnation rates exceed two calves per week so that the average rate of two calves per week is maintained for the period during which bobby calves are processed by that processor.

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