

6. Approval to Manufacture Devices

6.1 Brands and Inspection Legend Material

6.1.1 Applications to the Director Animal Products

Manufacturers shall apply in writing to the Director (Animal Products) requesting approval to manufacture brands, carton seals, intervention seals or reduced size inspection legends.

6.1.2 Format of application

The application is to include:

- 6.1.2.1 The company name and address of the applicant, and
- 6.1.2.2 The name of the person in the company who will be responsible for all correspondence and,
- 6.1.2.3 The device (brand, carton seal, intervention seal or reduced size inspection legend) which the applicant wishes to manufacture and supply, and
- 6.1.2.4 A sample of the brand impression, in the case of brands; or a sample of the seal, in the case of carton seals and intervention seals; or a printed sample of a reduced size inspection legend, and
- 6.1.2.5 In the case of carton seals and intervention seals, written confirmation from the Verification Agency that the seal samples have been tested on containers of the type for which the seals are intended to be used. The manufacturer is to arrange suitable tests directly with Verification Agency staff at premises licensed under the Meat Act. The tests must demonstrate conformity with specifications and performance characteristics to the satisfaction of the inspector.

6.2 Container Seals

6.2.1 Registration of interest

Security or high security seals are supplied to MAF only through a registration of interest process.

6.2.2 MAF calls for registrations of interest

- 6.2.2.1 MAF Food will advertise for expressions of interest in the supply of security/high security seals to MAF Food prior to the expiry of any existing contract period. An assessment/industry consultative procedure shall ensue.
- 6.2.2.2 Alternatively, if the current approved manufacturer is providing seals to all required specifications and both MAF, in consultation with industry, and the

approved manufacturer agrees, the existing arrangement maybe extended for a specified period.

6.2.3 Registration of interest requirements

Any manufacturer seeking the contract shall supply 12 samples of the type of seal for which the registration of interest is made together with appropriate documentation in support of the registration of interest application. The samples shall demonstrate conformity with specifications and performance characteristics to the extent that can be evaluated from the samples.

6.3 Verification of approval

6.3.1 Letters of approval

Letters of approval authorising a manufacturer to:

- manufacture brands, or
- print carton or intervention seals, or
- print reduced size inspection material, or
- manufacture/supply security or high security seals

will be issued by MAF Food and include any special conditions relating to that approval. The names and addresses of approved manufacturers will be notified.

6.4 Sub-contracting

6.4.1 Application

6.4.1.1 An approved manufacturer of carton seals, intervention seals, reduced size inspection legend material, security or high security seals may sub-contract the production of dies, artwork, films or plates, that includes a MAF device or Government Coat of Arms, subject to complying with all requirements of this section.

6.4.1.2 An approved manufacturer may sub-contract the production of materials that do not include any MAF device or Government Coat of Arms, e.g. the fabric of carton seals or passenger pack seals or intervention seals or inspection legend material, to another supplier. In these circumstances the approved manufacturer is accountable for the sub-contracted material conforming to any specification required of the approved supply.

<p>In this regard, the principles of sub-contracting as outlined in ISO 9002 should be applied.</p>

6.4.2 Restrictions

- 6.4.2.1 An approved manufacturer shall not sub-contract any part of the manufacture, production or printing of brands, carton seals, intervention seals, reduced size inspection legends.
- 6.4.2.2 Sub-contractors who produce dies, artwork, film or plates that includes a MAF device or Government Coat of Arms shall:
- (i) Carry out their business only in New Zealand, and
 - (ii) Only produce the material for an approved manufacturer.

6.4.3 Sub-contractor conditions

Any sub-contractors shall be required, under the terms of the contract with the approved manufacturer, to meet all criteria and conditions, including any conditions of the MAF Food approval relating to the manufacturer, and shall agree to any external audit required of an approved manufacturer.

6.5 Obligations on Approved Manufacturers and Sub-contractors

6.5.1 Documented quality system

- 6.5.1.1 Any approved manufacturer, or sub-contractor shall have a documented quality system which will:
- ensure that all specifications relating to size, format, numbering and performance are consistently delivered in the MAF device specified in the letter of approval, and
 - include all aspects of the security arrangements outlined in Section 7.
- 6.5.1.2 The records of all production, and the details and specifications for each supply shall:
- be retained for not less than five years, and
 - verify that unique serial numbers are not reused within 3 years.

6.5.2 Notifying changes to the approval

The manufacturer or sub contractor shall notify the Director (Animal Products) if any of the details appearing in the notified list of approved manufacturers are no longer valid or if the approval is no longer required.