

IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS UNDER THE ANIMAL PRODUCTS ACT 1999

1. Background

This document provides a summary of how identification numbers will be assigned to various types of businesses registered and listed under the Animal Products Act 1999, including exporters, risk management programmes and homekill and recreational catch service providers.

2. Exporter Registration Identification

- 2.1 From 1 May 2000, a person who intends to export any animal material or product to which Part 5 of the Animal Products Act 1999 applies, must apply to the Director-General for registration as a New Zealand exporter or as a New Zealand agent acting for a foreign exporter.
- 2.2 A unique identification will be assigned to each registered exporter.
- 2.3 Applicants may elect to keep an existing exporter ID for commercial reasons or choose a new one.
- 2.4 The ID must be a number or a number/letter combination of at least 3 and not more than 10 characters with at least one character as a number and no leading zero's.

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| ID Examples: AGENT007 FEL1001 |
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- 2.5 The registered exporter ID will be used on official assurances (export certificates).
- 2.6 Refer to the Animal Products Act web site at: www.nzfsa.govt.nz/animalproducts/ for: Application Form AP1: Exporter Registration and further information on exporter registration and the Animal Products Act 1999.

3. Risk Management Programme Registration Identification

Under the Animal Products Act 1999, premises will not be licensed as currently occurs under the Meat Act 1981. Rather, the operations conducted within the premises will be controlled and registered under a risk management programme (RMP). A premises may elect to operate a number of registered risk management programmes.

3.1 Business Identification:

- 3.1.1 A unique business identification will be assigned to each premises, in respect of a unique premises physical location. However, it is each of the premises RMP's that are officially registered, not the premises.
- 3.1.2 The business ID must not be the same as an exporter ID.
- 3.1.3 Applicants may elect to retain an existing premises ID for commercial reasons (country listing and brand/label purposes), or a new one can be chosen
- 3.1.4 The ID must be a number or number/letter combination of at least 3 and not more than 10 characters with at least one character as a number and no leading zero's.
- 3.1.5 The business ID will be used by MAF for country listing purposes and will be used by the operator for animal product labelling and identification.
- 3.1.6 For the purposes of carcass brands, inspection legend material and carton seals, there will be a physical limit of 6 characters.
- 3.1.7 If a business elects to change their business ID, then issues relating to packaging and country listings must be carefully considered.

3.2 RMP Number:

An operator may operate one or more risk management programmes. MAF will assign a two digit RMP number (1-99), to each registered RMP application.

3.3 Unique RMP Identifier:

3.3.1 The business ID is combined with the two-digit RMP number (1-99), to produce the unique identifier for each registered risk management programme at that premises.

3.3.2 It is the unique RMP identifier that will appear on the Notice of Registration for each registered RMP.

ID Example:

If premises PH801 elects to maintain its existing premises ID and operates 3 RMP's:

- The business ID is: PH801 (this is used for country listings and labels etc.)
- The RMP numbers allocated would be: 01, 02, 03
- The unique RMP identifiers would be: PH801/01 , PH801/02, PH801/03 (3 Notices of RMP Registration issued.)

4. Homekill / Recreational Catch Service Provider Listing Identification

4.1 From 1 May 2000 a person who intends to operate as a homekill / recreational catch service provider in accordance with Part 6 of the Animal Products Act 1999, must apply to the Director-General to be listed as such.

4.2 A unique identification will be assigned to each listed service provider.

4.3 Applicants may choose their own ID.

4.4 The ID must be a number or a number/letter combination of at least 3 and not more than 10 characters with at least one character as a number and no leading zero's.

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| ID Examples: | JBROWN1 | MEAT4U |
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4.5 Refer to the Animal Products Act web site under the NZFSA homepage: www.nzfsa.govt.nz/animalproducts/ for: Application Form: Homekill and Recreational Catch Service Provider Listing and further information on the Animal Products Act 1999.