



MEMORANDUM

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Date	5 October 2009
From	Judy Barker, Assistant Director (Production and Processing)
Subject	PUBLICATION OF THE CODE OF PRACTICE: RENDERING
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Background

For many years the meat industry has used a range of industry/industry-agreed standards, which are now in the process of being updated, with several parts in various stages of development and consultation. An overview is available in the draft [Code of Practice – Processing of Meat Products, Part 1: Overview](#).

In addition to the work in the meat area, work is progressing on the development of the Seafood Processing Code of Practice. This code has been under development since 2005 with the seafood industry taking the lead and receiving input from the NZFSA. The draft code was release for a second round of consultation in July 2009 and is now being finalised for its upcoming release.

Industry Standard 7: Byproducts (IS7) has been used by both the meat and seafood industries. The rendering requirements in IS7 will be replaced with those in the Code of Practice: Rendering. IS7 will be amended in due course to remove those requirements.

The Code of Practice: Rendering consists of the following:

- Part 1: Overview;
- Part 2: Good Operating Practice (GOP);
- Part 3: HACCP Application, and the Identification of Other Risk Factors and their Controls:
 - including the accompanying Generic RMP Model for Rendering

The Code of Practice: Rendering was published for consultation on 16 September 2008 and submissions closed on 7 November 2008, with 10 submissions received.

Update

NZFSA is publishing the Code of Practice: Rendering along with the associated Analysis of Submissions.

Rendering operators must comply with the Animal Products Act (APA) 1999 regime. This includes the requirements in the APA, regulations and specifications. This Code of Practice provides one way of meeting these legal requirements.

A rendering operator may elect to follow the code of practice i.e. base their risk management programme (RMP) on the code of practice. Where this occurs they are expected to follow the procedures unless an alternative method is validated in the risk management programme (RMP). The text in the boxes is guidance material only that the operator may or may not choose to follow.

It is recommended that rendering operators review their programmes and either confirm that they follow the good operating practice in the code of practice or identify any changes that need to be made. These changes are unlikely to require a significant amendment to the RMP, unless other changes are made by the operator. To determine whether a significant amendment is needed please refer to Appendix G "Guidance on Difference Between Significant and Minor Amendments" of the [Risk Management Programme Manual](#).

The Code of Practice: Rendering will be reviewed, as necessary, by the New Zealand Food Safety Authority. If you have any suggestions for alterations, deletions or additions to this document, sent them, together with reasons for the change, any relevant data and contact details for the person making the suggestion, addressed to:

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Yours faithfully

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