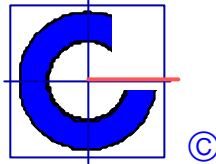


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Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand

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Background

Since the HACCP VMA programme commenced, there have been changes in both the content and scope of the agreement that accredited certification bodies (ACBs) have with the VMA.

This advisory attempts to clarify the applicability and impact of some of the changes to the HACCP programme.

This Advisory Note has been issued following discussions with Victorian Meat Authority (VMA).

Advice

1. From a JAS-ANZ perspective those MTVs which are not covered by a meat processing facilities food safety plan will not be subject to JAS-ANZ on site oversight and as a consequence will not be subject to JAS-ANZ schedule of fees. JAS-ANZ will ensure that the reporting requirements as defined in Schedule 2 Clause 12.5 are being met.

From a VMA perspective, all trucks inspected and assessed as meeting the standard shall be reported to the VMA in accordance with Schedule 2 Clause 12.5. The only variation to this is if the certification body employs a sampling approach to inspection. In this case, the certification body shall seek prior VMA approval of the sampling plan to be used. Where the assessed sample is assessed as meeting the Standards all MTVs on the meat processing facilities inventory will be notified to the VMA.

Applicability

This Advisory Note applies to the HACCP VMA programme. The Advisory Note will remain current until withdrawn.

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