



Meat Industry Association of New Zealand (Incorporated)

Submission on:

**Ministry for Regulation Agricultural and
Horticultural Products Omnibus Bill: Proposed
Amendments to the Agricultural Compounds and
Veterinary Medicines Act 1997**

01 April 2025

1. Introduction

- 1) The Meat Industry Association (MIA) is a voluntary, membership-based organisation representing processors, marketers, and exporters of New Zealand red meat, rendered products, and hides and skins. MIA represents 99 percent of domestic red meat production and exports. With export revenues of \$9.86 billion (2024), the red meat industry is New Zealand's second largest goods exporter.
- 2) The meat processing sector is New Zealand's largest manufacturing sector that employs over 25,000 people in about 60 processing plants, located mainly in the regions. The sector is a significant employer in many of New Zealand's rural communities and contributes over \$4 billion in household income.
- 3) A list of members is appended (Appendix 1). Individual members may have also made their own submissions.

2. Overview

- 4) MIA welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the ACVM Act 1997, as part of the omnibus bill.
- 5) MIA supports the objective of the amendments to “*improve access to agricultural and horticultural products while managing plant and animal health, biosecurity and trade risks such as for exported food and fibre products.*”
- 6) The criteria chosen to apply to the evaluation of each option appear appropriate. However, given the importance of trade to the New Zealand Economy, MIA expects the criterion ‘Effective’ (allows for risks to plant and animal health, biosecurity, and trade to be managed) to be significantly weighted, relative to the others, when determining preferred options.

3. Commentary on the Proposals

- 7) MIA has chosen to focus its feedback on Amendment 9 - *Expand scope of when product registration can be suspended.*
- 8) MIA supports proposals to include risks animal and plant health or to trade and market access as grounds for suspension of registration, in addition to where registration conditions have not been met.
- 9) MIA proposes that the scope of amendment 9 be expanded to also include the *costs associated with managing these risks*. For example, where risks to trade are currently managed by imposing costs on non-users and where these substantially outweigh any benefit realised by users of the registered compound.
- 10) In New Zealand, hormonal growth promotants (HGPs) are registered for use in cattle but have not been legally used by any beef farmers since 2016. Use of HGPs in the extensive grazing systems that characterise New Zealand beef farming is neither practical nor economic.
- 11) Despite this, and owing to the continued registration of the products, the entire industry is subject to the requirements of the regulatory control scheme and the industry cannot claim country freedom from HGP use. This situation is clearly unsatisfactory yet has hitherto been impossible to resolve. MIA views proposed amendment 9 as offering an opportunity to address this issue, potentially allowing for the suspension of the registration of HGPs in New Zealand.

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Appendix 1

MIA members and affiliate members as at 17 February 2025

Members	
Advance Marketing Limited Exporter Membership	Waimarie Meats Partnership
AFFCO NZ Ltd - Membership Levy	Wallace Group LP
Alliance Group Limited	Wilbur Ellis NZ Ltd
Ample Group Limited	Wilmar Trading (Australia) Pty Ltd
ANZCO Foods Ltd	
Ashburton Meat Processors Limited	
Auckland Meat Processors	Affiliate Members
Bakels Edible Oils (NZ) Ltd	Abattoirs Association of NZ
Ballande NZ Ltd	AgResearch
Black Origin Meat Processors	Alfa Laval New Zealand Ltd
Blue Sky Meats (NZ) Limited	Americold NZ Ltd
Columbia Exports Ltd	Aon New Zealand Ltd
Crusader Meats	AsureQuality NZ Ltd
Davmet NZ Limited	AusPac Ingredients NZ Ltd
Fern Ridge Ltd	Beca Ltd
Firstlight Foods Limited	Centreport Wellington
Garra International Limited	CMA CGM Group Agencies (NZ) Ltd
GrainCorp Commodity Management	CoolTranz 2014 Ltd
Greenlea Premier Meats	G-Tech Separation - Bellmor Engineering
Harrier Exports Ltd	Global Life Sciences Solutions New Zealand
Intergrated Foods Consortium	Haarslev Industries New Zealand
Kintyre Meats Ltd	Hapag-Lloyd (New Zealand) Ltd
Lean Meats Oamaru	IBEX Industries Limited
Lowe Corporation Ltd	Intralox LLC
Mathias NZ Limited	Kemin Industries Ltd
Ovation NZ Ltd	Liquistore
Peak Commodities Limited	Maersk A/S
Prime Range Meats	MJI Universal Pte Ltd
Progressive Meats Limited	Oceanic Navigation Ltd
PVL Proteins Ltd	Port of Napier
SBT Marketing (2009) Ltd	Port of Otago Ltd
Silver Fern Farms Ltd	Pyramid Trucking Ltd
Standard Commodities NZ Limited	Rendertech
Taylor Preston Limited	SCL Products Limited
Te Kuiti Meat Processors Limited	Scott Technology Ltd
UBP Limited	Sealed Air - Cryovac
Value Proteins Ltd	Suncorp New Zealand Services Limited