

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

**The Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Inc) and
Branches and Member Societies**

And the

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

Introduction

This Memorandum of Understanding between the Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Inc) (RNZSPCA) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) defines the requirements to be mutually met by MAF and the RNZSPCA and its branches and member societies in the area of selection and appointment and other matters relating both to inspectors appointed by the Minister and auxiliary officers appointed by the Director-General under the Animal Welfare Act 1999 on the recommendation of the RNZSPCA, and the enforcement of the provisions of the Animal Welfare Act 1999.

Definitions

For the purposes of this Memorandum of Understanding:

"Assistant Director-General (Biosecurity)" means the Assistant Director-General who is responsible for overall management of MAF Biosecurity New Zealand.

"Auxiliary Officer" means a person belonging to, in the employment of, or otherwise associated with the RNZSPCA, a Branch, or a Member Society, who is appointed as an auxiliary officer under the Animal Welfare Act 1999 on the recommendation of the RNZSPCA.

"Branch" means a branch of the RNZSPCA.

"Certificate of appointment" means the laminated card used by an Inspector or Auxiliary Officer in the course of his or her duties for identification purposes.

"Compliance and Enforcement Group" refers to the management unit within MAF Biosecurity New Zealand responsible for responding to, and investigating, complaints under the Animal Welfare Act 1999.

"Director Animal Welfare" means the Director of the Animal Welfare Group within MAF Biosecurity New Zealand.

"Director-General" means the Director-General of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

"Inspector" means a person belonging to, in the employment of, or otherwise associated with the RNZSPCA, a Branch, or a Member Society, who is appointed as an inspector under the Animal Welfare Act 1999 on the recommendation of the RNZSPCA.



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"Instrument of appointment" means the signed letter of appointment issued by MAF detailing the section of the Animal Welfare Act 1999 under which an Inspector or Auxiliary Officer is appointed and the tenure of the appointment.

"MAF" means the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and incorporates MAF Biosecurity New Zealand.

"MAF Biosecurity New Zealand" refers to the management group of MAF responsible for facilitating the setting of performance and technical standards by the RNZSPCA for RNZSPCA Inspectors and Auxiliary Officers carrying out animal welfare enforcement activities, and monitoring compliance with those standards.

"Member Society" means a member society of the RNZSPCA.

"Minister" means the Minister of Agriculture.

"RNZSPCA" means the Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Inc), and includes its Branches and Member Societies.

"RNZSPCA National Council" refers to a body of elected members from the Branches or Member Societies who are constitutionally responsible for the workings of the RNZSPCA.

"RNZSPCA National Executive" refers to the administrative body of the RNZSPCA National Council responsible for the inspectorate, and comprising the President, the Vice President, the National Inspectorate Coordinator and the National Chief Executive and/or whomever the RNZSPCA National Council may appoint from time to time.

"RNZSPCA Performance and Technical Standards" means the performance and technical standards established by the RNZSPCA National Council and approved by the Assistant Director-General (Biosecurity).

ROLE OF THE MINISTER, DIRECTOR-GENERAL, AND RNZSPCA

1. The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry administers the Animal Welfare Act 1999 and its Regulations. The Minister of Agriculture is the person accountable for the administration of the legislation.

2. The Minister, or his or her delegate, may, on the recommendation of an approved organisation (which includes the RNZSPCA), appoint persons to be Inspectors under the Animal Welfare Act 1999 for the purposes of enforcing the provisions of the Act. The Minister, or his or her delegate, may remove an Inspector from office.

3. The Minister has delegated the power of appointment of Inspectors to the Assistant Director-General (Biosecurity), who has sub-delegated this power to the Director Animal Welfare.

4. The Director-General, or his or her delegate, may, on the recommendation of an approved organisation (which includes the RNZSPCA), appoint persons to be Auxiliary Officers under the Animal Welfare Act 1999 for the purposes of administering the provisions of the Act. The Director-General, or his or her delegate, may remove an Auxiliary Officer from office.



5. The Director-General has delegated the powers of appointment and removal of Auxiliary Officers to the Assistant Director-General (Biosecurity), who has sub-delegated this power to the Director Animal Welfare.
6. The Director-General is accountable to the Minister for the effective delivery of animal welfare enforcement services.
7. The RNZSPCA is an approved organisation for purposes of the Animal Welfare Act 1999.
8. The RNZSPCA National Council has established performance and technical standards for its Inspectors and Auxiliary Officers (RNZSPCA Performance and Technical Standards) that are consistent with the performance and technical standards for MAF Compliance and Enforcement Group Animal Welfare Investigators. The RNZSPCA Performance and Technical Standards have been approved by the Assistant Director-General (Biosecurity), under delegated authority from the Director-General, in accordance with section 124(9) of the Animal Welfare Act 1999.
9. The RNZSPCA National Council shall maintain and ensure that all Branches, Member Societies, Inspectors and Auxiliary Officers comply with the RNZSPCA Performance and Technical Standards referred to in clause 8, governing:
 - (i) selection of candidates to become Inspectors or Auxiliary Officers;
 - (ii) training of Inspectors and Auxiliary Officers;
 - (iii) appointment of Inspectors and Auxiliary Officers;
 - (iv) procedures relating to animal welfare complaints;
 - (v) allocation of animal welfare complaints between the RNZSPCA and the Compliance and Enforcement Group;
 - (vi) records;
 - (vii) policies;
 - (viii) procedures relating to complaints against Inspectors or Auxiliary Officers; and
 - (ix) MAF/RNZSPCA liaison (national and local).
10. Modifications to the RNZSPCA Performance and Technical Standards shall be approved by the RNZSPCA National Council and the Assistant Director-General (Biosecurity), prior to implementation.

INSPECTORS AND AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Agreement between RNZSPCA and its Inspectors and Auxiliary Officers

11. The RNZSPCA shall, with respect to each person who is to be appointed an Inspector or Auxiliary Officer on the recommendation of the RNZSPCA, enter into a binding contract with that person prior to that person's appointment. Notwithstanding that this Memorandum of Understanding may not be legally binding on the RNZSPCA or MAF, that contract shall be to the following effect:

- (a) That person shall comply with all obligations pertaining to Inspectors and Auxiliary Officers in this Memorandum of Understanding (including any modifications);
- (b) That person acknowledges that the RNZSPCA fully intends to fulfil the requirements of this Memorandum of Understanding (including any modifications);

- (c) That person authorises the RNZSPCA, MAF, and all other relevant persons to collect, use, and disclose personal information about that person in accordance with the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding (including any modifications); and
- (d) That person shall take all such steps as the RNZSPCA reasonably considers necessary in order for the RNZSPCA to fulfil these requirements.

Training Programme

- 12. No person shall be appointed as an Inspector or an Auxiliary Officer until training has been undertaken in accordance with an Inspector Training Programme that is approved by the Assistant Director-General (Biosecurity), or an Auxiliary Officer Training Programme that is approved by the Director Animal Welfare respectively. Training Programmes submitted by the RNZSPCA for approval must be endorsed by the National Council prior to submission.
- 13. MAF shall be responsible for funding the training of Inspectors and Auxiliary Officers. Auxiliary Officers are trained at an 'in-house' course run by the RNZSPCA.
- 14. The RNZSPCA shall provide to the Director Animal Welfare evidence that training has been completed to an acceptable standard prior to appointment as an Inspector or Auxiliary Officer.

Selection Procedures for Inspectors and Auxiliary Officers

- 15. Initial selection of Inspectors and Auxiliary Officers shall be undertaken by Branches or Member Societies in accordance with the procedures outlined in the RNZSPCA Performance and Technical Standards.
- 16. The RNZSPCA shall be responsible for ensuring that written authorisation has been obtained from an applicant for the collection, use and disclosure by MAF Biosecurity New Zealand, the RNZSPCA, the New Zealand Police or other persons of personal information about the applicant for the purposes of clauses 15 to 22 and 32.
- 17. The RNZSPCA shall make every effort to ensure that only suitable persons are recommended to the Director Animal Welfare for appointment. Selection and recommendation shall be carried out in accordance with the RNZSPCA Performance and Technical Standards.
- 18. The RNZSPCA shall supply to the Director Animal Welfare the following information in relation to an application for a warrant:
 - (a) Inspector's/Auxiliary Officer's application form;
 - (b) An assessment of the applicant's ability to perform the role of an Inspector/Auxiliary Officer;
 - (c) Details of reference checks;
 - (d) Details of training completed and performance; and
 - (e) A passport size colour photograph of the applicant.
- 19. The general policy of the RNZSPCA has been that candidates with a criminal history are unsuitable for appointment as Inspectors or Auxiliary Officers. The RNZSPCA



may continue to consider that candidates with a criminal history are unsuitable for recommendation.

20. MAF Biosecurity New Zealand reserves the right to interview any applicant who is recommended to become an Inspector or Auxiliary Officer. MAF Biosecurity New Zealand will bear the interview costs.
21. MAF Biosecurity New Zealand reserves the right to request additional information from the applicant or any other person regarding the applicant as may be required to approve an application
22. The RNZSPCA may also ask MAF Biosecurity New Zealand to interview an applicant on the RNZSPCA's behalf. In this case, the RNZSPCA will bear the interview costs.
23. MAF Biosecurity New Zealand shall process appointment applications within five working days of receipt, subject to the above information being in order.

Appointment of Inspectors and Auxiliary Officers

24. Subject to the terms of clause 38 and the suitability of the applicant, the general policy of MAF is that an initial Certificate of Appointment and Instrument of Appointment shall be issued:
 - a) to an Inspector for 18 months, and shall appoint the Inspector to act for the general purposes of the Animal Welfare Act 1999 and generally throughout New Zealand; and
 - b) to an Auxiliary Officer for 12 months.
25. No person in the service of the RNZSPCA or its Branches or Member Societies shall exercise, or purport to exercise, the powers of an Inspector or Auxiliary Officer outside the term of his or her appointment, as specified in the Instrument of Appointment
26. A person who knowingly exercises the powers of an Inspector or Auxiliary Officer outside the term of his or her appointment, as specified in the Instrument of Appointment, shall be subject to a review by MAF Biosecurity New Zealand. This may affect the suitability of that person for re-appointment.

Renewal of Certificates of Appointment

27. Branches and Member Societies are responsible for ensuring that all Inspectors and Auxiliary Officers hold a valid Certificate of Appointment at all times in the course of performing enforcement activities under the Animal Welfare Act 1999.
28. Applications for the renewal of appointments must be accompanied by an assessment of the Inspector's or Auxiliary Officer's performance in the field by the respective Branch or Member Society. All applications are to be forwarded to the RNZSPCA National Office for processing in accordance with the procedures outlined in the RNZSPCA Performance and Technical Standards.

29. Applicants for a renewal must sign a declaration on the application form stating that they have not been convicted of any criminal offence during their previous appointment period or stating details of any such convictions.
30. Applications for renewal of appointments are to be submitted to the RNZSPCA National Office prior to the expiry of the appointment. Late applications should be advised promptly to the Director Animal Welfare via the RNZSPCA National Office.
31. It is the general policy of MAF that a renewed appointment shall be issued:
- a) to an Inspector for three years, and shall appoint the Inspector to act for the general purposes of the Animal Welfare Act 1999 and generally throughout New Zealand; and
 - b) to an Auxiliary Officer for three years.

subject to the terms of clause 38 and to a satisfactory assessment of the Inspector's or Auxiliary Officer's performance which has been carried out by the respective Branch or Member Society, and the Inspector's or Auxiliary Officer's compliance with the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding.

32. MAF Biosecurity New Zealand reserves the right to request additional information from the applicant, or any other person regarding the applicant, as may be required to approve an application for the renewal of the appointment.
33. MAF Biosecurity New Zealand reserves the right to interview any applicant who seeks a renewal of appointment. MAF Biosecurity New Zealand will bear the interview costs.
34. The RNZSPCA may also ask MAF Biosecurity New Zealand to interview an applicant for a renewal of appointment on the RNZSPCA's behalf. In this case, the RNZSPCA will bear the interview costs.

Review Process

35. The following review process is available to an applicant/Inspector/Auxiliary Officer in the event of one of the following circumstances occurring:
- (a) RNZSPCA declines to forward an application for an Instrument of Appointment and Certificate of Appointment to the Director Animal Welfare for approval.
 - (b) RNZSPCA declines to recommend to the Director Animal Welfare the renewal of an Inspector's or Auxiliary Officer's appointment.
 - (c) RNZSPCA recommends the revocation of an Inspector's or Auxiliary Officer's appointment.
36. If, within 20 working days after written notification of the above event and of the applicant's/Inspector's/Auxiliary Officer's right of review being posted to the applicant/Inspector/Auxiliary Officer, a request for review is received in writing by National Office from the applicant/Inspector/Auxiliary Officer, then:
- (i) A review hearing will take place at the next RNZSPCA National Council meeting.
 - (ii) The RNZSPCA National Council will consider the review.

- (iii) A majority decision of the RNZSPCA National Council is required to overturn the event in question.
- (iv) The applicant (and/or his or her representative) can attend for part of the review hearing to speak to his or her case, and to answer any questions the RNZSPCA National Council may have.
The applicant (and/or his or her representative) must pay his or her own expenses in relation to his or her attendance.
- (v) The decision of the RNZSPCA National Council will be mailed to the applicant no later than 10 working days after the date of the review hearing.

Inspector or Auxiliary Officer Resignation and Transfer

- 37. (a) On leaving a Branch or Member Society an Inspector or Auxiliary Officer will forward his/her Certificate of Appointment to the RNZSPCA.
- (b) The RNZSPCA will forward the Instrument and Certificate of Appointment to the Director Animal Welfare.
- (c) When an application is received from another Branch or Member Society requesting appointment of that person as an Inspector or Auxiliary Officer, the RNZSPCA will immediately forward a recommendation to the Director Animal Welfare for the issue of a replacement Instrument of Appointment and re-issue of the Certificate of Appointment, unless there is good cause not to do so.
- (d) The general policy will be for the replacement Instrument of Appointment to be issued for the balance of the Inspector's original three-year appointment.
- (e) The Certificate of Appointment and a copy of the Instrument of Appointment will be forwarded to the applicant through the RNZSPCA.

Surrender and Retrieval of Warrants

- 38. An RNZSPCA Inspector or Auxiliary Officer shall surrender his or her Certificate of Appointment to the Director-General through the RNZSPCA National Office where:
 - (a) The Inspector is removed from office by the Minister or his or her delegate under the Animal Welfare Act 1999 or the Auxiliary Officer is removed from office by the Director-General or his or her delegate under the Animal Welfare Act 1999;
 - (b) The Inspector or Auxiliary Officer leaves the service of the RNZSPCA;
 - (c) The Inspector or Auxiliary Officer leaves the service of the Branch or Member Society to which he or she was affiliated;
 - (d) The Inspector or Auxiliary Officer resigns from the office of Inspector or Auxiliary Officer respectively; and
 - (e) The Inspector or Auxiliary Officer's term of appointment otherwise expires.
- 39. The RNZSPCA shall be responsible for recovering the certificate of appointment and forwarding it to the Director Animal Welfare on behalf of the former Inspector or Auxiliary Officer within six weeks of any of the events outlined in clause 38. If the Inspector or Auxiliary Officer fails to surrender the Certificate of Appointment within six weeks, the Director Animal Welfare is to be advised.
- 40. If the Inspector or Auxiliary Officer refuses to surrender a Certificate of Appointment, the RNZSPCA shall advise the Director Animal Welfare immediately.

Procedures for Referral of Complaints against Inspectors and Auxiliary Officers

41. This section applies to complaints against Inspectors and Auxiliary Officers.
42. All complaints against Inspectors and Auxiliary Officers shall, in the first instance, be forwarded to the RNZSPCA National Executive and be dealt with according to Part 7.5 of the RNZSPCA Performance and Technical Standards ('Complaints Against Inspectors or Auxiliary Officers').
43. The RNZSPCA National Executive, on receipt of written advice of a serious complaint against an Inspector or Auxiliary Officer in regard to his or her conduct in the exercise, or purported exercise, of powers under the Animal Welfare Act 1999, shall advise MAF Biosecurity New Zealand of the complaint and any current action being taken to investigate and resolve the complaint.
44. The RNZSPCA National Executive shall consult with MAF Biosecurity New Zealand on the investigation and the resolution of the serious complaint.
45. Where requested by MAF Biosecurity New Zealand, the RNZSPCA National Executive shall pass on all details concerning any complaint and the investigation to MAF Biosecurity New Zealand.
46. Where MAF Biosecurity New Zealand wishes to follow up a complaint itself in addition to the RNZSPCA investigation:
 - (a) It will do so only after consulting with the RNZSPCA National Executive (the RNZSPCA National Executive will also consult with the Branch or Member Society involved).
 - (b) It will report its findings to the RNZSPCA National Executive within five working days of completing its investigation. (The RNZSPCA National Executive will convey the findings to the Branch or Member Society within five working days of receiving them).
47. MAF Biosecurity New Zealand confirms that it will be governed by the provisions of the Privacy Act 1993 in respect of all information supplied to, or gathered by, MAF Biosecurity New Zealand.

ANIMAL WELFARE COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS

Procedures for Animal Welfare Complaint Investigation

48. The procedures outlined in the RNZSPCA Performance and Technical Standards must be followed in all animal welfare complaints investigated by the RNZSPCA and its Branches or Member Societies.
49. The RNZSPCA National Executive shall provide to MAF Biosecurity New Zealand details of any animal welfare complaint investigation carried out by the RNZSPCA or its Branches or Member Societies on written request.
50. Such a request by MAF Biosecurity New Zealand must stipulate the reason(s) this information is required.

51. MAF Biosecurity New Zealand shall report to the RNZSPCA National Executive on the outcomes of any actions it takes arising from such a request being fulfilled, within five working days of completing the investigation. Notification of the outcomes to a Branch or Member Society shall be the responsibility of the RNZSPCA National Executive.

Areas of Jurisdiction

52. Inspectors or Auxiliary Officers shall not operate outside the district under the jurisdiction of the Branch or Member Society to which that Inspector or Auxiliary Officer is affiliated unless there is an emergency or they have obtained the approval of the National Executive; or they have been given approval from the Branch or Member Society where the incident has occurred.
53. Where an Inspector or Auxiliary Officer has operated in a district outside the jurisdiction of his/her affiliation, the Inspector or Auxiliary Officer shall notify the relevant Branch or Member Society as soon as practicable.

Assistance Policy

54. In the event that a Compliance and Enforcement Group Animal Welfare Investigator/s assistance is requested by an RNZSPCA Inspector/s in an investigation or vice versa, the Inspector/s initiating the request must advise their counterpart/s of the exact nature of the assistance required at the time of the request.
55. The agency that was first dealing with the complaint shall retain full responsibility for any investigation in which it has requested assistance.
56. Both RNZSPCA and Compliance and Enforcement Group staff must respect any decision/s made by the agency that was first dealing with the complaint, in any investigation that requires assistance.

Supersession Policy

57. (a) Where an Inspector or a Compliance and Enforcement Group Animal Welfare Investigator believes that a member of the other agency may already have received or be working on a complaint, contact with that person or agency must be made to avoid duplication or interference.
- (b) In the event that both the Compliance and Enforcement Group and the RNZSPCA have been advised separately of the same animal welfare complaint, the procedure as outlined in the supersession policies of the RNZSPCA Performance and Technical Standards and the Performance and Technical Standards for Compliance and Enforcement Group Animal Welfare Investigators respectively will be followed. The agency that should investigate the complaint is usually the agency that was first notified of the complaint, unless the complaint has been transferred officially to another agency.
58. If both agencies wish to pursue the same complaint, the matter is to be advised as soon as possible to the RNZSPCA National Executive, in the case of the RNZSPCA, and to the Director of the Compliance and Enforcement Group, in the case of the Compliance and Enforcement Group, for resolution by the Director Animal Welfare in consultation with the RNZSPCA National President (or their nominee/s), the relevant Branch or Member Society and local MAF staff.

Transfer Policy

- 59 Any transfer of complaints from one agency to another for investigation shall be recorded in writing and signed by the transferring party and the receiving party. Copies of the documentation shall be kept by both parties. Where a complaint is transferred from one agency to another, the agency accepting the transfer shall assume full responsibility for the investigation, including costs, thereafter. The transferring agency shall accept the decision made on any action taken in an investigation subsequent to the transfer.
- 60 The agency accepting the transfer of a complaint shall provide written feedback to the transferring agency on the outcome and/or progress of a complaint.

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Prosecution Policy

- 61 The RNZSPCA and its Branches and Member Societies, and their Inspectors shall adhere to the prosecution procedure outlined in the RNZSPCA Performance and Technical Standards.
- 62 Any prosecution or legal proceedings affecting any issue where a question of law of first instance, Government policy or a Government department is involved shall not be instituted by a Branch or Member Society without the prior approval of the National Council (Rule 15, RNZSPCA Constitution).

Impartiality of Inspectors

- 63 Inspectors and Auxiliary Officers should be careful not to publicly participate in any activities which could be seen to jeopardise their impartiality when carrying out their duties.

Media Policy

- 64 Inspectors and Auxiliary Officers shall refrain from making any public comment on any specific animal welfare investigations that may jeopardise any legal proceedings, pending or current.

- 65 The RNZSPCA and MAF Biosecurity New Zealand agree to exchange, where practicable, advance copies of draft press releases relating to the enforcement provisions of the Animal Welfare Act 1999, to allow appropriate comment from either organisation before publication.

RNZSPCA/MAF Liaison (National)

- 66 Formal discussion between the RNZSPCA National Executive and MAF Biosecurity New Zealand shall be held on policy issues of national importance, as and when required, at no less than two meetings a year, with outcomes reported to Branches and Member Societies via a mutually agreed newsletter.

RNZSPCA/MAF Liaison (Local)

67. Liaison between Inspectors and Auxiliary Officers affiliated to Branches and Member Societies and local Compliance and Enforcement Group Animal Welfare Investigators shall take place as and when required, but not less than twice a year.
68. Unresolved issues shall be passed without delay to a more senior level of each respective organisation.

Joint training opportunities

69. The RNZSPCA and MAF Biosecurity New Zealand recognise that, where practicable, there is merit in utilising joint opportunities for inspector training.

Reporting

70. The RNZSPCA shall furnish MAF Biosecurity New Zealand with annual statistics pertaining to the:
 - (a) number of complaints received (nationally) by species; and
 - (b) number of prosecutions (nationally) including the number of successful prosecutions.
71. The reporting period shall be 1 January - 31 December of each year.
72. Statistics must be supplied to MAF Biosecurity New Zealand by 1 April of the following year.

Annual Auditing of RNZSPCA Enforcement Activities

73. MAF Biosecurity New Zealand (Compliance and Enforcement Group) shall conduct an annual audit of selected Branches or Member Societies and/or the RNZSPCA National Office relating to:
 - (a) selection and training of Inspectors and Auxiliary Officers;
 - (b) recommendation process for appointment of, or renewal of the appointment of, Inspectors and Auxiliary Officers;
 - (c) compliance with the Animal Welfare Act 1999; and
 - (d) documentation relating to animal welfare complaint investigations.
74. MAF Biosecurity New Zealand shall give reasonable notice of its intention to audit selected Branches or Member Societies and the RNZSPCA National Office.
75. MAF Biosecurity New Zealand shall provide the opportunity for the RNZSPCA and the Branches or Member Societies to respond to the initial audit findings.
76. MAF Biosecurity New Zealand and the RNZSPCA shall agree on the contents of the final audit report and the RNZSPCA shall be responsible for ensuring that any issues in the agreed audit report are addressed.
77. MAF Biosecurity New Zealand shall supply to the RNZSPCA written audit reports for each audit within two months of the audit being carried out. The RNZSPCA will pass copies of audit reports to those Branches or Member Societies involved.

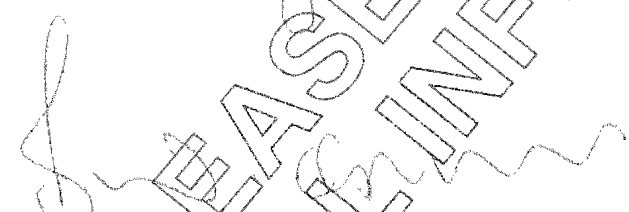
78. The RNZSPCA shall provide MAF Biosecurity New Zealand with a progress report on compliance in resolving any key issues in the audit findings, within four months of the final audit report being supplied. The report shall be directed to the Director Animal Welfare and may take the form of a letter from the Chief Executive of the RNZSPCA.
79. All costs and expenses of auditors engaged by MAF Biosecurity New Zealand will be the responsibility of MAF.

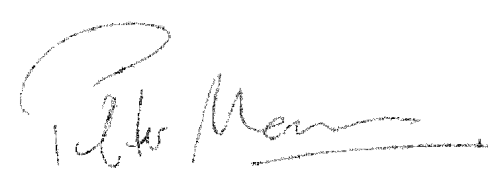
Duration of Agreement

80. The provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding shall not be altered in any way without the written agreement of both parties.
81. This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force until terminated by either party by giving three months' notice in writing to the other party or until replaced by a new Memorandum of Understanding under clause 82.
82. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be reviewed biennially by both parties, or earlier at the request of either party.

Dated this 16th day of March 2006

At Wellington


Signed by Barry O'Neil, Assistant Director-General (Biosecurity), Biosecurity New Zealand, pursuant to authority delegated by the Director-General of Agriculture and Forestry


Signed by Peter Mason, President of the Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Inc)