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**MINUTES OF THE NAWAC POULTRY INDUSTRY SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30 AUGUST 2001 AT TEGEL
FOODS LTD, PARAITE ROAD, BELL BLOCK,
NEW PLYMOUTH**

1 INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES

outlined the programme for the morning visits. Committee members were advised that they would visit three different properties to view facilities for day-old, middle of grow-out and day before harvest broiler chickens. Committee members would then view a slaughter and processing plant.

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advised committee members that PIANZ have produced a detailed document in response to the pre-consultation submissions from SAFE, RNZSPCA and MAF. It was noted that this document would be discussed after lunch. It was requested that committee members treat this document as confidential and for the information of the subcommittee and NAWAC only.

explained the procedure for the morning site visit and circulated a list of matters that might be useful to look for when entering the broiler chicken sheds.

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Part 2

It was resolved that the 'PIANZ Response to Interested Parties Comments' be tabled for discussion.

Moved –
Seconded –

noted that an invitation has been made to , and the rest of the NAWAC committee, to visit the Tegel facilities.

C3 DRAFT CODE OF WELFARE FOR BROILER CHICKENS

advised meeting participants that the Minister was impressed that this draft code had now reached its 14th iteration. agreed that he had also received this feedback from the Minister.

noted his discussion with regarding SAFE's challenge of the legal status of the poultry codes. He advised that requested an opinion from MAF Legal on this matter and that this opinion confirmed that the codes of welfare are able to protect the industry from prosecution.

It was noted that the PIANZ document tabled achieved two purposes:

- 1) Addresses, specifically, the SAFE and RNZSPCA submissions
- 2) Provides a scientific review of current literature

It was noted that the 14th version of the draft code had taken into account those parts of the SAFE and RNZSPCA submissions that PIANZ agreed with.

It was requested that confirm with whether the legal obligations on page 10 of the draft code are standard for all codes. It was noted that if it is not a standard page there could be some amendment that might be useful.

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MAF's legal advice to industry

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The subcommittee proceeded to work its way through the draft broiler code and discussed the changes made in response to the pre-notification submissions.

It was noted that there would be a separate code for broiler breeders.

Minimum Standard No. 5:

noted that the RNZSPCA suggestion that facilities be required to meet manufacturer's specifications had not been included in this standard. The committee was advised that the reasons for not including this requirement were that some equipment may not have any manufacturer specifications and that some manufacturer specifications are substandard. It was requested that provide this feedback to the RNZSPCA.

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Minimum Standard No. 6:

It was agreed that , in consultation with and , would re-word this standard to emphasise the desire to not exceed 38kg of live weight. The amended standard would then be circulated to the rest of the committee for consideration.

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Minimum Standard No. 7:

It was agreed that paragraph (a) of this standard will be split into three parts to be more specific on the light requirements. It was agreed that the amended version will be circulated to the subcommittee.

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It was requested that confirm whether the Biosecurity Act overrides the Animal Welfare Act with respect to dealing with disease outbreaks (and consequent issues such as emergency euthanasia).

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It was requested that ensure that corrects the mistake in Appendix II by replacing the ostrich and emu code of welfare with the broiler chicken code of welfare.

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It was requested that committee members read the 'PIANZ Response to Interested Parties Comments'. Committee members were, in particular, asked to provide any comment they had on the analysis of the SCHAW report and whether the conclusion of this report appeared consistent with the research presented in the report.

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It was noted that Ross Poultry Breeders UK have offered to make a presentation on genetics to NAWAC (by videoconference or teleconference if necessary). It was agreed that would talk to about the possibility of arranging this.

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thanked meeting participants for attending the meeting and requested that committee members provide him with any remaining comments they have on the current draft broiler code.

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advised committee members of the current status of the layer hen code. It was noted that the subcommittee would meet again once the layer hen code was further advanced by PIANZ.

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