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**PURE FOOD (FISHERY PRODUCTS) (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS 2018**

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 37 of the Pure Food Act 1996, I make the following Regulations:

1 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the *Pure Food (Fishery Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2018*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on the date they are published in the *Gazette*.

3 Regulations amended

These Regulations amend *The Pure Food (Fishery Products) Regulations 2005* (the “*principal Regulations*”).

4 Regulation 21C(b) amended

Regulation 21C(b) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting “the mean total dioxin and dioxin-like PCBs content, of determined by the analysis referred to in paragraph (d) hereof, of the edible parts of the fishery products must not exceed 4.0 pg/g wet weight for the sum of dioxins and 8.0 pg/g wet weight for the sum of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs.” and substituting “maximum levels of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs in fishery products must not exceed the amounts specified in the table:

Fishery products	Maximum Levels		
	Sum of dioxins	Sum of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs	Sum of PCB28, PCB52, PCB101, PCB138, PCB153 and PCB180
Muscle meat of fish and other fishery products	3.5pg/g wet weight	6.5 pg/g wet weight	75 ng/g wet weight

MADE AT HONIARA this twelfth day of March, 2018.

HON. TAUTAI AGIKIMUA KAITU'U
Minister for Health and Medical Services

MINISTER DECISION MINUTE

Date: 1 January 2018

Approved by: Dr Nemia Bainivalu

Regulations to align standards for exported fishery products

Purpose

The purpose of this Minute is to seek your agreement to make new regulations (Attachment A) that would align limits on levels of dioxin and dioxin-like PCBs in fishery products prepared for export with new standards set by the European Union.

Key points

- The *Pure Food (Fishery Products) Regulations 2005* (the Regulations) require the Ministry of Health and Medical Services (the Ministry) to monitor levels of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs in fishery products prepared for export. The permitted levels of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs set out in the Regulations are aligned with EU standards that were in place at the time.
- The draft *Pure Food (Fishery Products) Regulations 2018* (the Amendment Regulations) would amend the Regulations to align with new standards set by the EU in 2011.
- The new standards decrease the permitted levels of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs, and impose new standards on particular PCBs, and were developed through expert discussion involving the World Health Organisation. It is a market access requirement of the EU that fishery products are monitored to ensure they do not exceed permitted levels.
- The EU recently audited the Ministry's monitoring program and this aspect was passed on the basis that the Ministry would amend the Regulations to align with the new standards.
- The Amendment Regulations were prepared by the Drafting Division of the Attorney-General's Chambers, on instruction from the Ministry (see letter, Attachment B).

Recommendations

That you note the contents of this minute.	Noted / not noted
That you note that the draft amendment Regulations were prepared by the Attorney-General's Chambers.	Noted / not noted
That you agree to make the Pure Food (Fishery Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2018.	Agree / not agreed
That you sign the three attached copies of the Amendment Regulations to indicate your approval.	Signed /not signed

Approved by:

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Attachments

Attachment A – three copies of draft Pure Food (Fishery Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2018
Attachment B – letter from Attorney-General's Chambers dated 5 January 2018.

Signed this twelfth day of March, 2018.

HON. TAUTAI AGIKIMUA KAITU'U
Minister for Health & Medical Services

