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Domestic Food Review – Update

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Content

- Update on the Food Bill
- Voluntary Implementation Programme (VIP)
- TA Initiative Fund



What can I say?

It's times like these you need ...





Food Bill

- Further drafting on:
 - Transitionals
 - Offences and penalties
 - General tidy-ups
 - Regulations
- May need further work depending on Government decision

Next steps?





Patience





Voluntary Implementation Programme

- Objectives:
 - Maintain momentum in absence of new Food Act
 - Enhance stakeholder support for DFR
 - Address concerns about DFR implementation
 - Provide for range of TAs to participate
 - Provide for businesses to participate



Voluntary Implementation Programme

- Review Jan to Oct 2008

“Report to the Project Sponsor and Business Owner on what is working well, what is not, implications for the implementation of DFR, and on the continued ‘fit’ of the DFR 10 objectives.”



Voluntary Implementation Programme

- Review about to be signed off
- Broad-based input
- Covers:
 - Achievements to end Oct 2008
 - Participation
 - TA capability and capacity
 - Issues for DFR
 - Continued relevance
 - Recommendations



Voluntary Implementation Programme

- Issues for DFR
 - Training of TA staff - sustainability
 - Record keeping – too much? Minimum required
 - NZFSA to develop info on need/benefits
 - Compliance strategy – TA uncertainty/concerns
 - Enhanced compliance tools part of Food Bill



Voluntary Implementation Programme

- Issues for DFR
 - Approach to implementation – too much?
 - Each EHO needs experience with around 5 premises to gain experience – requires joint work by NZFSA and TAs
 - Grading schemes and recognition of ‘FCPs’ from overseas
 - Research to start this year on grading schemes; other country FCPs would be ‘custom’ and require evaluation



Voluntary Implementation Programme

- Continued Relevance of VIP Objectives
 - Momentum with DFR maintained ✓
 - Awareness/understanding of DFR enhanced ✓
 - Concerns about DFR reduced ✓
 - Level, type and characteristics of TA participation meets targets ✓
 - Eligible business participation meets target



Voluntary Implementation Programme

- Continued Relevance of VIP Objectives
 - Lessons learned for DFR
 - Yr 1 OTP-FCPs simple, clear etc ✓
 - TAs understand compliance procedures ✓
 - Personnel training delivered ✓
 - VIP starts on time X
 - OTP-FCP registrations start on time X
 - First verifications completed within time frame



Voluntary Implementation Programme

- 18 Recommendations – selection:
 - Greater use of clusters
 - Identify champions to mentor/network
 - Monitor experience with ‘English as a 2nd language’ users
 - Develop and communicate an EHO introductory training plan



Voluntary Implementation Programme

- 18 Recommendations – selection:
 - Develop educative advice for operators to understand the benefits of an FCP
 - Risk rating scheme to guide the frequency and consistency of TA verification visits
 - principal goal of VIP be clarified as determining a methodology for DFR

Voluntary Implementation Programme

- Where are we at with Industry?
 - Distributed all 3000 hard copy FCPs (value \$89 with other support materials)
 - Preparing next print run
 - Training/education





Voluntary Implementation Programme

- Industry...
 - FSP registrations over 400
 - Discussions with industry association leaders, members etc continuing
 - Translated FCPs available – hard copy Chinese, soft copy Vietnamese, Korean and Hindi
 - Food Handler Guidance published



Voluntary Implementation Programme

- In train
 - Enhancements to FCPs – private water supply etc
 - Second version FCP
 - National Programmes – looking at getting these underway late 2009-2010

Voluntary Implementation Programme

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Voluntary Implementation Programme

- Where are we at with TAs?
 - 68 TAs signed up >>>>>>



Voluntary Implementation Programme

- Where are we at with TAs?
 - Completed more training in Nov and this month
 - More cluster work
 - Coordinators in North and South Island (new) and our chief coordinator, Bob Hutchison continuing to assist and support
 - Continued supply of materials, support



Voluntary Implementation Programme

Since VIP launch on the 1 August 2008 (as at early March)

- 135 Food Act Officers appointed
- 163 Verifiers appointed
- 6 TAs have approved more than 10 FCPs
- 37 TAs yet to approve any FCPs
- No outcomes of verifications reported



TA Initiative Fund

ROUND 1 – Started with \$250,000

- Applications closed August 2008
- 13 applicant TAs - \$345,000
- 11 offered funding - \$205,000
- 9 TAs took up funding \$185,000
- Issues and improvements
 - Better guidance
 - Mock application
 - Areas not covered to be explicit
 - Areas favoured to be explicit



TA Initiative Fund

ROUND 1 – Interim reports

- Range of quality
- Evaluation
 - TA programmes going as planned
 - Lots of comments on what's worked well eg FCP inbox, workshops, continuous evaluation, coaching businesses
 - What didn't go so well eg low uptake by businesses, cluster group concerns
 - Key learnings eg regular apptmts work well, use of many mechanisms to get message out



TA Initiative Fund

ROUND 2 – Started with \$314,000

- Applications closed November 2008
- 7 applicant TAs - \$347,000
- 7 offers/6 taken up \$280,000



TA Initiative Fund

Future for Fund?

- Unknown