### Excreted fluid in prepacked chicken meat

- Currently fluid exuded from the poultry after it has been packed forms part of the net quantity statement.
- Poultry meat absorbs water during processing.
- Product sampling has found up to 12% fluid in chicken breasts and 8% fluid in whole chickens.
- Trading Standards opinion – fluid should not be included in net quantity statement.

### Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS)

- Now fully introduced into New Zealand.
- Requirement that instruments have to be approved and verified that are used to determine the ‘verified gross mass’ of a container.
- Significant increase in the number of instruments submitted for approval.

### Data Management System

- Recent developments in data capturing and analysing has provided significant efficiencies in reporting.
- Using and iPad with IAuditor to capture information in the field, it is then uploaded into our Data Management System.
- The data is then extracted into our reporting system called ‘business objects’ to provide reporting and trend monitoring.

### Future Focus - 2017 & beyond

#### Excreted fluid in prepacked chicken meat

- The 14th December 2016 marks the 40th anniversary of New Zealand adopting the metric system.
- Trading Standards is preparing to recognise the occasion by holding a lunchtime event that will feature four speakers providing a 10 min presentations each on ‘the importance of accurate measurement’ in their fields of expertise.

#### All of measurement video

- 3 minute video to raise public and industry awareness to the measurement infrastructure and how the different organisations, legal metrology, scientific metrology and accreditation are interconnected.
- The concept is the lifecycle of ice-cream, using an animated infographic style video which highlights the different points throughout the cycle where each organisation impacts to provide a quality end product.

#### Incorporating updates to OIML documents into law

- OIML 79 - Labelling requirements for pre-packages.
- OIML R87 - Quantity of product in pre-packages.
- Trading Standards intends to review the weights and measures legislation to incorporate the new requirements.

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