

# New Zealand - Economy Report Highlights

## Key Activities - 2016 / 2017

### Packed Poultry Products

- Could not agree with the NZ Poultry Industry whether fluid exuding from the poultry forms part of the net quantity statement.
- Testing showed goods packed to a constant net quantity were 94% compliant and goods packed to catch weight were 21% compliant.
- The high level of non-compliance with the catch weight goods is a result of the statement of net quantity being applied at the retail level; instead of at the point of packing.
- Our position that this fluid exuded is not considered meat and should therefore not be included in the net quantity statement.
- We are currently considering the appropriate enforcement action.
- We are also continuing to engage with industry to provide advice on legal matters and disseminate information to their members.



Examples of testing poultry weight

### Online Approvals Register

- A new online register has been developed, which contains all Certificates of Approval issued in NZ.
- Developed primarily to assist Inspectors when completing inspections and Accredited Persons when completing certification and verification work.
- Has a comprehensive search function, which provides users the ability to search for a specific type or category of weighing or measuring instrument.
- Also benefits a person who is submitting a variant to an existing instrument or is planning to apply to introduce a new instrument into the NZ marketplace.
- Is available at [www.consumerprotection.govt.nz/typeapprovals](http://www.consumerprotection.govt.nz/typeapprovals)

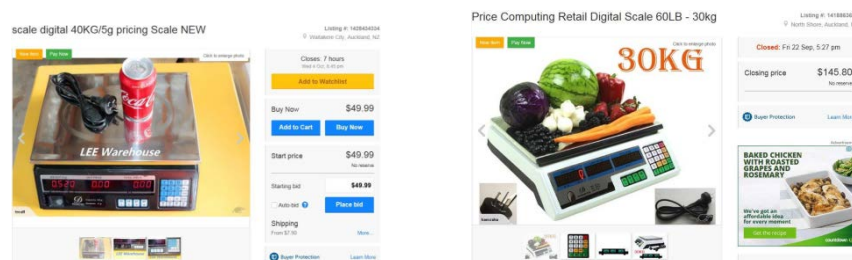
Approval - Certificate Number	Pattern	Submitter Name	Make	Model
	Automatic Catchweighin...	Hawkins Steel Ltd	Richard Simon & Sons Ltd	Automatic weighing instr...
	Automatic Catchweighin...	Electric Measurement an...	Electric Measurement an...	EMC 50
	Automatic Catchweighin...	Toledo Scale Division	Toledo Scale Division	Bagging scale
	Automatic Catchweighin...	Loadrite Limited	Loadrite	LR 810 P

Screenshots from the online approvals register

## Future Focus - 2018 & beyond

### Unstamped Weighing Instruments

- Inspections conducted at local markets revealed that a number of stall holders were using non approved price computing weighing instruments, which they had purchased via various Internet sites.
- Upon inspection of the Internet sites and the advertisements for the weighing instruments, non-compliances have been discovered.
- As a result a project will be conducted to minimise the distribution of these types of instruments.
- It is envisaged that legislative change may be required to specifically make sale of these items illegal.



Examples of unstamped weighing instruments being sold online

### Electronic Cigarettes

- The Electronic Cigarette industry in NZ is growing rapidly. In recent years both the UK and US Markets have shown significant growth in this sector, which has pre-empted us to take a proactive approach to ensure this emerging industry is compliant with legal metrology requirements.
- To date a number of test purchases have been completed and revealed a number of short measure and labelling non compliances.
- As a result, a project is in the process of being planned to tackle the issue.
- This industry has significant implications for other enforcement agencies in NZ, i.e. Ministry of Health, Customs and the Police. We are seeking to work collaboratively with them to help ensure the industry is regulated effectively.



Examples of electronic cigarette e-liquids