

Management Plan for the Export of Kangaroo Skins derived from those Kangaroos Processed during the two-year Trial.

2014 to 2016

Victorian Petfood Processors (Vic) Pty Ltd

With the endorsement from the Victorian Department of Environment and Primary Industries.

Introduction

This Management Plan puts forward a mechanism to enable overseas export of skins obtained as a by-product from Victorian Petfood Processors (Vic), kangaroos (*Macropus giganteus* and *Macropus fuliginosus*) processed during the Kangaroo Pet food Trial for domestic pet food conducted by the Victorian Department of Environment and Primary Industries

The Department of Environment and Primary Industries ("DEPI") issues Authorities to Control Wildlife ("ATCW") under section 28A of the Wildlife Act 1975 for the control of Kangaroos that are damaging pasture, crops or other property or impacting on biodiversity.

In order to do this, it aims to satisfy the requirements for a small – scale, *Approved Wildlife Trade Operation* ("WTO") under Section 303FN of the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* ("EPBC Act")

Scale of Proposed Operation

Under the EPBC Act and its associated regulations, an operation is a small- scale operation if it has a low impact on the survival or conservation status of the species to which it relates. The proposed operation is considered small-scale because it is only operating with in a small area of Victoria. Kangaroos will only be taken from those shires taking part in the Kangaroo Pet Food Trial as defined by the Victorian Department of Environment and Primary Industries. DEPI issues 850 to 2,200 ATCWs for the lethal control of 30,000 to 70,000 Kangaroos annually.

This WTO seeks to allow for the export of skins taken during the trial. Victorian Petfood Processors (Vic) expects to process only a percentage of the total number of Kangaroos to be issued by DEPI, ATCWs. Given the Victorian Department of Environment and Primary Industries estimated number of kangaroos to be processed within the scope of the Kangaroo Pet Food Trial and the relatively small size of the proposed export activity, the operation is considered to be small scale.

The Proposed Wildlife Trade Operation

This Plan presents an auditable process for Victorian Petfood Processors (Vic) to source Kangaroo skins for export. The proposed WTO is based entirely on Kangaroo skins sourced from animals within those shires listed in the Kangaroo Pet Food Trial for domestic pet food and within the guidelines set out by the Victorian Department of Environment and Primary Industries Kangaroo Pet Food Trial. The Plan provides a process to ensure that the WTO operates in a manner that satisfies government requirements and to minimise public concerns about welfare and sustainability. The species covered by the Wildlife Trade Operation are Western Grey Kangaroos (*Macropus fuliginosus*) Species Code Number 1263 and Easter Grey Kangaroos (*Macropus giganteus*) Species Code Number 1265.

State Regulations

Until now Kangaroos shot under the control of DEPI and ATCWs have been left to decompose on the property of origin, representing a waste of resources. The Kangaroo Pet Food Trial of two years commencing on 1 July 2014 will enable Licenced Operators to further process these Kangaroos. The Victorian Government and its relevant governing departments have set out the guide lines required.

Kangaroos processed at Victorian Petfood Processors (Vic), Licenced Pet Meat Facility. Number K00055 located in Hamilton, Victoria. Produces pet food under the control of PrimeSafe, Victoria, the Standard for The Hygienic Production of Pet Meat. PISC Technical Report 88- Amended 2009 and Wildlife Processors Licence Number 14355558 in accordance with Regulation 23 of the Wildlife Regulations 2013.

Region of Kangaroo Pet Food Trial

Western Grey Kangaroos (*Macropus fuliginosus*) and Easter Grey Kangaroos (*Macropus giganteus*) occur within the designated shires shown on the attached map. Victorian Petfood Processors (Vic) will only process Kangaroos from these areas, from Landowners that have applied and received valid Kangaroo Pet Food Trial- Authority to Control Wildlife ("KPFT-ATCW") permits. All kangaroos processed will be able to be identified and traced back to the property of origin. All Kangaroos will be identified with an individual numerical tag that will remain on the skin.

Tags will be identified:	1. By colour.	Purple
	2. By Year	14
	3. By Company name	VPP
	4. By State origin	Vic
	5. By Tag Number	000125

A documented control of tags will be maintained by Victorian Petfood Processors (Vic) and balanced against ATCWs and kangaroos processed.

Skins

All skins for export will be sourced only from those areas identified within the Kangaroo Pet Food Trial. All skins will be identified with a tag. The Wildlife Department within DEPI control the number of animals sourced by the issuing of Permits, ATCWs thus ensuring that the abundance of these animals are not threatened. Skins will be sold to a licenced Fauna Dealer (Skins).

Length Season

The operation will be undertaken throughout the Trial dates as indicated.

The Number of Kangaroos

Will be limited to the permits issued by DEPI. Victorian Petfood Processors (Vic) will only process a percentage of those permits. Actual numbers are not available, as this is the first time kangaroos have been permitted to be used as pet food within Victoria.

Licenced Shooters

All shooters are required to hold Current Victorian shooters licences. A copy of which is recorded in Victorian Petfood Processors (Vic) Quality Assurance Program. The Preferred Shooters are required to operate under the guidelines set out in the National Code of Practice for the Humane Shooting of Kangaroos and Wallabies for Commercial Purposes and will be trained in food safety procedures to ensure company outcomes are met.

The Impact to species during the Kangaroo Pet Food Trial

Authorities to Control Wildlife ("ATCW") permits have been issued within Victoria for many years. DEPI has continued to issue such permits throughout these years indicating that the rate of disposal has had no observable impact on the viability of the Victorian Western Grey Kangaroos (*Macropus fuliginosus*) and Eastern Grey Kangaroos (*Macropus giganteus*) population.

Controls

Victorian Petfood Processors (Vic) is controlled by the section 28A of the Wildlife Act 1975 and Wildlife Regulations 1992, existing PrimeSafe regulations and The Standard for The Hygienic Production of Pet Meat. PISC Technical Report 88- Amended 2009. Victorian Petfood Processors (Vic) has in place a system of tagging the Kangaroos. Each kangaroo will have a tag attached to the skin that is numerical and individual. The tags will be numbered in sequence showing the State, the Year of Production and Colour Coded. Colours will change each year for auditing purposes.

Only licenced Kangaroo processors can produce and sell meat and by-products in Victoria. Protected Wildlife Record Books are issued by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Victoria. (Copy provided.) And are required to be completed as required. An Annual Return Form,

Wildlife Processor Licence is required to be completed (Copy provided.) Victorian Petfood Processors (Vic) has its own controls regarding the issuing of tags and is documented in our manual.

Summary

Victorian Petfood Processors (Vic) has developed a program that will enable it to participate in the Kangaroo Pet Food Trial and meet all statutory requirements set out by those Victorian Government Departments. It is submitting an Application for Approval of a Wild Life Trade Operation. The information set in this application aims to satisfy the requirements for a WTO(Small-Scale)

List of Documents attached to this application

PrimeSafe Licence for the Hamilton. Meat Processing Facility K00055 (Has been renewed.)

PrimeSafe letter endorsement includes Kangaroo Processing

Wildlife Processor Licence Number ~~14355558~~ 101682055

National Code of Practice for the Humane Shooting of Kangaroos and Wallabies for Commercial Purposes

Authority to Control Wildlife Application Form- Kangaroo Pet Food Trial

Application for a Livestock Property Identification Code (PIC)

Kangaroo Pet Food Trial – Overview (Showing map of participating shires)

Kangaroo Pet Food Trial – Information for pet meat processing facilities

Kangaroo Pet Food Trial – Information for landholders

Kangaroo Pet Food Trial – Information for shooters

Wildlife Act 1975 – Record of wildlife

Wildlife Processors Annual Return Form

Example of Kangaroo Pet Food Trial –Authority to Control Wildlife Application (KPFT- ATCW) and related documentation.



LICENCE TO OPERATE A PET MEAT PROCESSING PLANT

LICENCE No. K00055

LICENSEE: Victorian Petfood Processors (Vic) Pty Ltd

NAME OF FACILITY: Victorian Petfood Processors (Vic) Pty Ltd

LOCATION: Cnr Portland & South Boundary Roads
HAMILTON VIC 3300

NAME OF OPERATOR: David Preece

- This licence is issued for the period 01 Jul 2014 to 30 Jun 2015, subject to the conditions commencing on page 2 of this licence.

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Chief Executive Officer, PrimeSafe

David

From: Andrew Coghill [Coghilla@primesafe.vic.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 4 June 2014 7:30 PM
To: David
Subject: RE: Kangaroo Pet Food Trial

David,

I can confirm that Victorian Petfood Processors (Vic) Pty Ltd (Licence No. K00055) is a licensed Pet Meat Processing Plant with PrimeSafe. The facility is endorsed for the processing of consumable animals for pet meat in accordance with the Standard for the Hygienic Production of Pet Meat (PISC Technical Report 88 – Amended 2009).

This endorsement includes kangaroo processing for pet meat in accordance with a licence granted by the Victorian Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI) and your Quality Assurance procedures approved by PrimeSafe.

Yours sincerely,

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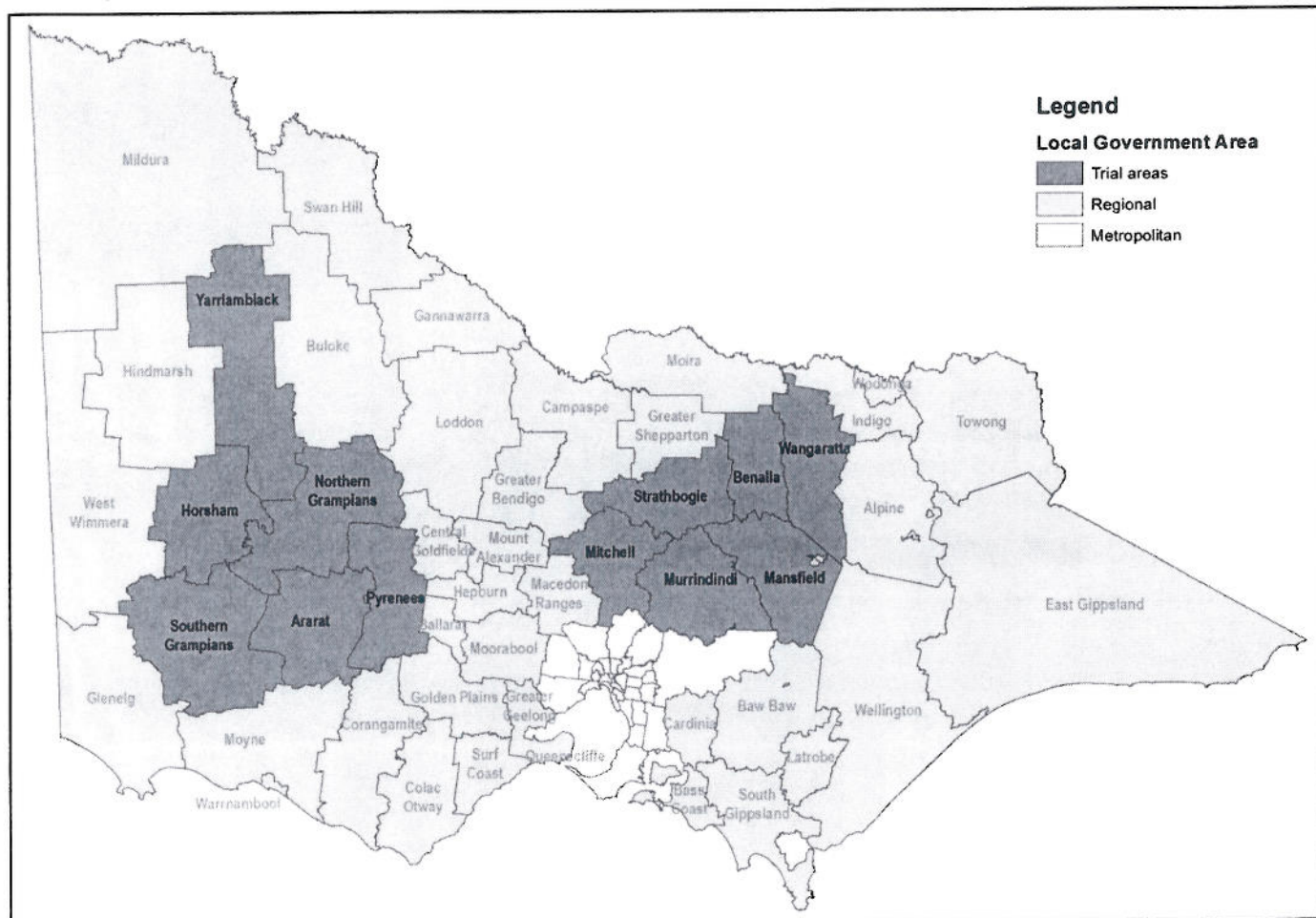


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Information for landholders

Figure 1 Map of trial area



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