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**MINUTES OF THE ROAD TRANSPORT FORUM NEW ZEALAND
NATIONAL LIVESTOCK TRANSPORT & SAFETY GROUP MEETING HELD
AT THE MIRIMAR GOLF CLUB, CONFERENCE CENTRE FRIDAY 31 July
2020 COMMENCING AT 9.15AM.**

PRESENT:

Chairman Don Wilson NRC, Warren Whittaker R2, Glenn Carroll R3, Jeremy Sinclair R3, Eddie Swain NZ Trucking, Marco Woelders R4, Nigel Gordon Nationwide Stockcrates, Robin Fellingham Total Stockcrates, Leonie Ward MPI, Julia Parr OSPRI, Pat Turton AsureQuality, Roger Lamb PGG Wrightson, Mark Ngatuere RTF

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Julie Geange- joined online

NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS:

Nil

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes from the previous meeting held on Friday 6th March, having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

Items covered within the agenda

CORRESPONDENCE:

The secretary tabled the correspondence inwards and outwards commenting on a few items;

- 1 RTF. Alliance group. Rate contestability
- 2 RTF. Advisory. Bobbys and registration
- 3 RTF. PICA declaration

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

The Financial update was presented. AsureQuality have been invoiced and paid. No other conversation held on this.

MPI COMPLIANCE REPORT:

Leonie tabled and spoke to the report. Due to a number of unavoidable circumstances the report was comparatively brief. Covid created significant disruption within MPI. Leonie and Peter have 3 and 11 additional staff respectively. The report highlighted there has been no noticeable change in the volume of infringements being issued and this is topical within MPI. Members around the table expressed concern also.

Carriers highlighted inequity in the animal welfare system and noted livestock buyers responsibility and involvement when consigning livestock.

The group discussed bobby calf welfare issues and the infringement regime. The infringement regime focuses on the transport phase as that places greater stress on livestock. Members noted while that may be the case there are welfare issues arising pre and post transport that need remedying.

RTF to write to MPI and question the equity of the infringement regime in terms of protecting livestock from harm.

Follow the truck. Regional reps are to ring around to see who would like to be involved this year.

End of life project. Warren asked where this project was at. A summary paper has been written and is to be presented to the Farm To Processor Animal Welfare Forum

Action Point:

- Leonie is to provide a split on infringements issued to farmers and transporters.
- Leonie to chase up Michelle Clatworthy
- Leonie to look into other incidents
- Regional reps to ring around their regions. MPI to be coordinated with via RTF.
- RTF to write to MPI and question the equity of the infringement regime in terms of protecting livestock from harm.

ALLIANCE ISSUES:

R5 held a meeting to discuss Alliance's policy of 90-day payment, lack of rate increases since 2011 and Market 2X dispatching for Alliance. The Chair and RTF CEO attended that meeting. Market 2x were invited to attend and present. Carriers have not heard from Alliance. RTF have followed up

Action point: RTF to keep a watching brief on this issue

NZLTA REPORT:

Pat spoke to the report. The committee worked through the certification and inspection regime.

It was agreed manufacturers would provide extra resource in the crate certification and inspection regime. NLT&SG to work with AsueQuality with a view to implement by 1 September.

Action point: RTF work with AsureQuality to action

NAIT REPORT AND UPDATE:

Julia covered off post 14 June implementation of the PICA declaration. 5,500 new ASD booklets containing the PICA declaration have been sent to people who requested them.

Standalone forms. Advised liability to carriers, Farmers advised to log and fill out forms before filling out form. Post 14 June the ASD page of the NAIT website has had 4,500 views compared to 700 monthly.

The NAIT operational plan has been presented to government it covers three main aspects. Making NAIT fit for purpose, enabling/improving compliance, looking to the future.

3 technical reference groups have been stood up-farmer, meat industry and stock and station agents.

Developing a new standard for registration of entities trading in NAIT animals.

eASD. AFFCO not involved yet. Confirmed with the team that work is underway for onboarding AFFCO. Starting with the Malvern plant.

The Chair thanked and noted appreciation to OSPRI for their work and efforts.

MEAT PROCESSOR MEETING

Following SFF's announcement drivers are not to work on the tops of crates transport reps met and decided to invite a whole of industry meeting to address a range of issues currently within industry. The list has been compiled and an invite is to be sent.

Action point: Invite list to be completed and be sent to respective companies and entities to attend the industry meeting.

WORKSAFE UPDATE:

Mentioned the site traffic management consultation. RTF submitted on behalf of industry.

Action point: Copy of submission to be sent to NLT&SG members.

General discussion followed regarding working at heights and safety around vehicles and livestock.

The transport reps requested RTF revisit the increased livestock vehicle height consideration paper and address with NZTA.

Action point: RTF to progress increased height with NZTA.

ROUND TABLE UPDATE:

Dairy NZ. DNZ wrote to the NLT&SG secretary that they will only attend meetings as required when there are significant discussions signalled through the meeting Agenda. A number of attendees expressed disappointment at that decision as the majority of issues arising at meetings link to DNZ members and those issues may not always be on the Agenda and arise in the course of conversation.

Action point: The chair is to write to DNZ.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

No items of general business

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is confirmed for Friday 30th October 2020, to be held at the Miramar Club Conference Centre Wellington, commencing at 9.00am. Forward agenda items.

MEETING CLOSED:

The Chairman thanked attendees for the attendance and input and closed the meeting at 12.20 pm.

READ & CONFIRM:

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Action Points:

- Leonie is to provide a split on infringements issued to farmers and transporters.
- Leonie to chase up Michelle Clatworthy.
- Leonie to look into other incidents that might not have been reported.
- Regional reps to ring around their regions. MPI to be coordinated with via RTF.
- RTF to write to MPI and question the equity of the infringement regime in terms of protecting livestock from harm.
- RTF to keep a watching brief on the Alliance/Market 2x issue.
- RTF to work with AsureQuality and manufacturers to progress the amended crate certification/inspection regime.
- Health and safety on processor sites: Invite list to be completed and be sent to respective companies and entities to attend the industry meeting
- Copy of site traffic submission to be sent to NLT&SG members.
- RTF attempt to progress increased height with NZTA.
- The chair is to write to DNZ regarding their attending meetings only as required.