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Dear James, Annie, Wayne and Nicki

As per my brief discussion just now with James, we thought it would be useful to note the next steps from Wednesday which was a very useful and enjoyable day thank you.

First of all, I've attached some material:

- A description of indoor farrowing systems (describing the range of characteristics of the modern system, their interaction, and how the total system operates to provide for the welfare of both the sow and her piglets) from Ian Barugh (I will endeavour to provide the u-tube video embedded)
- A presentation from Bruce describing and quantifying the effect of the use of a crate to reduce piglet mortality including by enabling fostering.

If you wish we could arrange a briefing on this material – maybe by teleconf by Ian and Bruce? FYI we had provided this information among other material to the NAWAC working group – any or all of which we could provide to you if required. For those just new to the industry it would be useful to view our industry videos: <http://www.nzpork.co.nz/on-farm-videos>

Secondly, next steps in relation to the various pigs-related proposals for regulations:

- Proposal 1: All animals – electric prodders: MPI to consider consistency with other species, at different points in the supply chain, and other handling aids (in terms of potential to cause harm)
- Proposal 2: All animals – use of goads: accepted
- Proposal 24: Pigs – dry sleeping area: general intent supported, but presenting a challenge in terms of actual wording. MPI to work with Bruce and David for indoor and outdoor system wording. (Also refer NZPork's additional paper, Nov 2016)
- Proposal 25: Pigs – lying space for grower pigs: agreed 'floor area' is appropriate wording
- Proposal 26: Pigs – dry sow stalls: discussion around clarity of wording. Perhaps rephrase as: *Stalls must not be used for gestating sows*. Definitions required to differentiate between stalls used for gestation and mating or insemination. In terms of compliance, the view is that MPI would accept evidence of a system that illustrates that the use of stalls is only up to one week for mating.
- Proposal 27: Pigs – size of farrowing crates: agreement around wording recommended in NZPork's additional paper, Nov 2016, viz.: **Prohibit keeping a sow in a farrowing crate where the sow cannot avoid touching the top of the crate *with her back*, or touching both sides of the crate simultaneously, or touching the front and the back of**

the crate simultaneously. (Note additional words shown in italics).

- Proposal 28: Pigs – provision of manipulable material: industry is not able to achieve this in a manner that is meaningful to the sow within current systems; and farrowing crates are recognised by NAWAC as the best option to provide for the welfare of the sow and her piglets in indoor systems and maintain productivity. While considerable research is being undertaken there is currently no means of meeting the intent of this proposal – which has not been consulted on as a minimum standard in the Code
- Proposals on stock transport: as per our submission and additional paper. (Note thanks indeed for invitation just received to workshop on transport and animal husbandry)
- Husbandry and surgical procedures: as per our submission and additional paper

We agreed that all ‘pig specific’ proposals amended as above, bar the provision of manipulable material, did not impose an additional regulatory burden on good practice farmers.

As per the workshop our concern remains with the proposal around manipulable material, and the impossibility to achieve the intent of the proposal within current best practice systems; and thus the significant impact on the industry. We will provide the following:

- Information on industry size and composition
- Update of the current science on sows’ needs at farrowing time; and update on current research on farrowing systems including manipulable material, particularly via PorkCRC
- Information to feed into an RIS for manipulable material based on options that industry would need to adopt

Some very relevant information has already be supplied to NAWAC; and we will update where required . Do you have access to the NAWAC material including the economic assessment it commissioned?

Could you indicate the time by which you require this additional information please.

Also you’ll see all the NZPork team’s email addresses included above. All of us would be happy to respond to any questions you have.

Regards

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