

ATTENTION LIVESTOCK TRANSPORTERS. NAIT CONSULTATION DOCUMENT RELEASED

Yesterday the Minister for Agriculture lead a meeting to discuss the future direction of NAIT. RTF represented the NLT&SG's interests.

MPI have released for discussion "Proposed Changes To The National Animal Identification And Tracing Act and Regulations" and are inviting public comment on changes proposed to the NAIT Act and regulations.

The Consultation document is available here:

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/consultations/proposed-changes-to-the-national-animal-identification-and-tracing-act-and-regulations/>

What is being proposed?

These are in brief some of the proposals. We advise livestock transporters become familiar with the full range via the link above.

- Making transport operators accountable for identifying untagged livestock
- Changes to tagging
- Improving access to NAIT data
- Tightening up the rules around untagged animals
- Aligning penalties and infringement fees with those in the Biosecurity and Animal Products acts

Industry submission

The NLT&SG will be submitting on this. A reasonable portion of the November 16 NLT&SG meeting will be dedicated to the NAIT discussion. Feedback can be given to NLT&SG representatives and RTF to bring to that meeting.

Feedback after that can be given to NLT&SG representatives and RTF for collation and forwarding to the NLT&SG chair. That must be received by 17 December.