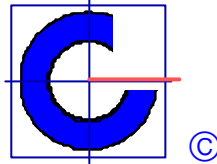


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Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand

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FIT AND PROPER PERSON

References:

- A. Victorian Meat Authority Quality Assurance Audit Agreement, Clause 6.
- B. Meat Industry Act 1993, incorporating amendments dated 1 January, 1999

Background

Following discussions with accredited certification bodies on how they establish whether their auditors are Fit and Proper Persons, JAS-ANZ agreed to seek advice from the VMA.

This Advisory Note provides the response from the VMA. The intent is to provide guidance for applicant/accredited certification bodies and JAS-ANZ auditors.

Advice

An applicant/accredited certification body should have a process where they determine initially and monitor on an annual basis whether an auditor has had a conviction or not. If a conviction has been recorded in the past then this should be assessed to determine if it would preclude the auditor from auditing for the VMA. This may involve consultation with the VMA.

Applicability

This Advisory Note applies to the VMA HACCP programme. The Advisory Note will remain current until withdrawn.

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