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**PURE FOOD (FISHERY PRODUCTS) (AMENDMENT)  
REGULATIONS 2018**

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 37 of the Pure Food Act 1996, I make the following Regulations:

**1 Citation**

These Regulations may be cited as the *Pure Food (Fishery Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2018*.

**2 Commencement**

These Regulations commence on the date they are published in the *Gazette*.

**3 Regulations amended**

These Regulations amend *The Pure Food (Fishery Products) Regulations 2005* (the “*principal Regulations*”).

**4 Regulation 21C(b) amended**

Regulation 21C(b) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting “the mean total dioxin and dioxin-like PCBs content, of determined by the analysis referred to in paragraph (d) hereof, of the edible parts of the fishery products must not exceed 4.0 pg/g wet weight for the sum of dioxins and 8.0 pg/g wet weight for the sum of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs.” and substituting “maximum levels of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs in fishery products must not exceed the amounts specified in the table:

Fishery products	Maximum Levels		
	Sum of dioxins	Sum of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs	Sum of PCB28, PCB52, PCB101, PCB138, PCB153 and PCB180
Muscle meat of fish and other fishery products	3.5pg/g wet weight	6.5 pg/g wet weight	75 ng/g wet weight

MADE AT HONIARA this twelfth day of March, 2018.

HON. TAUTAI AGIKIMUA KAITU'U  
Minister for Health and Medical Services

## MINISTER DECISION MINUTE

Date: 1 January 2018

Approved by: Dr Nemias Bainivalu

### Regulations to align standards for exported fishery products

#### Purpose

The purpose of this Minute is to seek your agreement to make new regulations (Attachment A) that would align limits on levels of dioxin and dioxin-like PCBs in fishery products prepared for export with new standards set by the European Union.

#### Key points

- The *Pure Food (Fishery Products) Regulations 2005* (the Regulations) require the Ministry of Health and Medical Services (the Ministry) to monitor levels of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs in fishery products prepared for export. The permitted levels of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs set out in the Regulations are aligned with EU standards that were in place at the time.
- The draft *Pure Food (Fishery Products) Regulations 2018* (the Amendment Regulations) would amend the Regulations to align with new standards set by the EU in 2011.
- The new standards decrease the permitted levels of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs, and impose new standards on particular PCBs, and were developed through expert discussion involving the World Health Organisation. It is a market access requirement of the EU that fishery products are monitored to ensure they do not exceed permitted levels.
- The EU recently audited the Ministry's monitoring program and this aspect was passed on the basis that the Ministry would amend the Regulations to align with the new standards.
- The Amendment Regulations were prepared by the Drafting Division of the Attorney-General's Chambers, on instruction from the Ministry (see letter, Attachment B).

#### Recommendations

That you note the contents of this minute.	Noted / not noted
That you note that the draft amendment Regulations were prepared by the Attorney-General's Chambers.	Noted / not noted
That you agree to make the Pure Food (Fishery Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2018.	Agree / not agreed
That you sign the three attached copies of the Amendment Regulations to indicate your approval.	Signed /not signed

**Approved by:**

Dr Nemia Bainivalu  
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**Attachments**

Attachment A – three copies of draft Pure Food (Fishery Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2018  
Attachment B – letter from Attorney-General’s Chambers dated 5 January 2018.

Signed this twelfth day of March, 2018.

HON. TAUTAI AGIKIMUA KAITU’U  
Minister for Health & Medical Services

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