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subject : Amendments to the IKB Kip certification scheme per 1 June 2019.

Dear Sir/Madam,

A number of amendments have been made to the IKB Kip certification scheme in consultation with the Central Board of Experts (CBE\*). The purpose of these amendments is to strengthen IKB Kip in the focus areas of food safety, on-site hygiene and independent decision-making.

The amendments come into effect on 1 June 2019. This letter informs you of the main outlines of the changes. Not every amendment will apply to your circumstances. The title of the section indicates if a specific type of company is concerned. We will send you additional information about the amendments in a series of digital newsletters in the new few weeks, which will also be published on the website. The amended General Terms & Conditions of IKB Kip and annexes, including the exact regulations will be published on [www.ikbkip.com](http://www.ikbkip.com) (in English under 'certification scheme') and [www.ikbkip.de](http://www.ikbkip.de) (in German under 'Zertifizierungssystem').

### **Overview and explanation of the amendments**

#### **New definitions in the General Terms & Conditions<sup>1</sup>**

Various definitions have been added or amended:

- Competent authority
- Pests, pest control company and pest control
- Board of Directors

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\*Various stakeholders with a link to IKP Kip are represented in the CBE.

<sup>1</sup> For more information: General Terms & Conditions IKB Kip, Art. 1



### Decision-making amendments by independent Board of Directors<sup>2</sup>

In November 2018, the PLUIMNED foundation appointed an independent Board of Directors. This board establishes decisions regarding amendments to IKB Kip. This is done following benchmarking of the effectiveness, quality and feasibility of advice. Before the Board of Directors examines the amendments, the proposed amendments are discussed by the Central Board of Experts (CBE) IKB Kip, a body in which all sector stakeholders are represented. The CBE provides advice and proposes amendments to IKB Kip. The Board of Directors then establishes and adopts this advice. Until now, these decisions were formally taken by the board of PLUIMNED.

### Obligation to report incidents within 24 hours of discovery<sup>3</sup>

In order to take action in cases of serious abnormalities in relation to food safety, welfare and traceability, IKB Kip has introduced an obligation to report. This means that, as an IKB Kip participant, you must report incidents to IKB Kip within 24 hours of discovery at your establishment.

### Amendments to quality evaluation of broilers by abattoirs, for broiler farms<sup>4</sup>

The quality evaluation system of broilers on the slaughter line forms an important part of the IKB Kip certification scheme. The evaluation provides an impression of the quality of the broilers supplied. To improve quality, the following aspects of the evaluation system of broilers have been tightened in regard of the following aspects:

- A number of amendments have been made to the evaluation system. Consult annex 8 (Evaluation system broilers) on the IKB Kip website ([www.ikbkip.com](http://www.ikbkip.com)) for the evaluation system.
- The abattoir provides the supplier (= the supplier of the broilers. e.g. the broiler farmer or trader) with feedback regarding the results of the quality evaluation (IKB evaluation of broilers) within two working days after delivery of the broilers.
- The poultry farmer informs the relevant loading team / persons involved in loading the broilers about the percentage of injuries. This should be done within four days after receipt of this data from the abattoir.

### Reintroduction of HOSOWO (hygienogram, barn inspection and water testing) on poultry farms<sup>5</sup>

In the context of good barn hygiene and clean drinking water for the birds, the HOSOWO regulations will be reintroduced in IKB Kip from 1 July 2019. These regulations relate to: hygienogram, barn inspection and (drinking) water testing.

You should have HOSOWO-analysis and testing performed by the veterinarian with whom you have concluded an IKB agreement or by a recognised HOSOWO authority. Most of the HOSOWO authorities are located in The Netherlands and a few in Germany.

For more information about the criteria, please consult the regulations (Annex 1.2) on the IKB Kip website.

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<sup>2</sup> For more information: General Terms & Conditions IKB Kip, Art. 2

<sup>3</sup> For more information: Annex 1.1: Regulations for hatcheries, abattoirs and cutting plants, 1.1A A09

For more information: Annex 1.2: Regulations for poultry farms, 1.2A A06

<sup>4</sup> For more information: Annex 1.1: Regulations for hatcheries, abattoirs and cutting plants, 1.1B SF05

For more information: Annex 1.2: Regulations for poultry farms, 1.2D VC16

For more information: Annex 8 Evaluation system broilers

<sup>5</sup> For more information: Annex 1.2: Regulations for poultry farms, 1.2A C12 and C15 (barn inspection)

For more information: Annex 1.2: Regulations for poultry farms, 1.2A F15 -F19 (drinking water testing)

For more information: Annex 1.2: Regulations for poultry farms, 1.2B OC04 and OC05 (hygienogram)

For more information: Annex 1.2: Regulations for poultry farms, 1.2C FE06 and FE07 (hygienogram)

For more information: Annex 1.2: Regulations for poultry farms, 1.2D VG04 and VG05 (hygienogram)

### Installation and use of shower(s) as part of the hygiene lock on poultry farms<sup>6</sup>

To prevent Avian Influenza (AI) or an infection caused by pathogens such as Salmonella, ILT and Coryza, good hygiene standards are becoming increasingly important. For this reason, IKB Kip has introduced amended hygiene regulations. An important measure in these regulations is the obligation to provide one or more shower(s) as part of the hygiene lock on poultry farms. After all, human-animal contact is one of the greatest risks related to introducing and spreading pathogens. Please consult the website of IKB Kip (under 'hygiene') for more details about the shower. See Annex 1.2 on the IKB Kip website for more information on the amended hygiene regulations.

### Amended regulations Central Board of Experts (CBE) IKB Kip<sup>7</sup>

The Central Board of Experts (CBE) IKB Kip is tasked with giving advice and proposing amendments to IKB Kip regulations. Various stakeholders with a link to IKB Kip are represented in the CBE, including representatives of poultry farmers, hatcheries and abattoirs. The following aspects have been amended in the CBE regulations:

- Board of Directors included;
- Inclusion of the fact that the CBE will be chaired by an independent chair.
- Seat included for the *Nederlandse Vereniging van Pluimvee Service Bedrijven (NVPSB)*, which is the association of poultry service companies;
- Reference to the old standard NEN 45011 has been removed. This has been replaced by ISO / IEC 17065.

This safeguards independent decision-making and involvement of the various stakeholders.

### Renewed participation agreement<sup>8</sup>

To participate in IKB Kip, you have entered into a participation agreement with your Certifying Authority (CA). This document is now no longer current, including in terms of collecting and processing personal and company data. You will therefore be offered a new participant agreement. You do not have to take any action. The CA will send you the new agreement. Further explanation about the amendments to this participant agreement will follow.

### Sampling and exemption applications<sup>9</sup>

Various sampling methods are prescribed in IKB Kip. Full details are listed in IKB Kip annex 10. If you think you are unable to comply with a regulation, you can apply for a (temporary) exemption. IKB Kip appendix 10 explains how to apply for a (temporary) exemption. ATTENTION: Applications must be submitted in advance and an exemption only takes effect after written approval has been given.

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<sup>6</sup> For more information: Annex 1.2: Regulations for poultry farms, 1.2A J11, J18, J28 and J31 - J36

<sup>7</sup> For more information: Annex 6 Regulations CBE (only available in Dutch)

<sup>8</sup> For more information: Annex 7 Example agreement on the application of the IKB Kip certification schema (CI – participant)

<sup>9</sup> For more information: Annex 10 Description of sampling and exemption applications: art. 5e, art. 7 and art. 8

**Finally**

The most recent version of the IKB Kip certification scheme will be published on [www.ikbkip.com](http://www.ikbkip.com) (in English under 'certification scheme') and [www.ikbkip.de](http://www.ikbkip.de) (in German under 'Zertifizierungssystem'). Please take careful note of the amendments in the latest version of the certification scheme. The changes may be important to your company and, as a participant, you are obliged to comply with them as per 1 June 2019. The regulations or other parts of the certification scheme can also be sent by post on request. Please contact IKB Kip on + 31 (0) 88 – 998 4340 or by e-mail at [info@ikbkip.nl](mailto:info@ikbkip.nl).

We are aware that the information on the amendments is very complex and lengthy. We will therefore be sending you additional information in the form of a digital IKB Kip newsletter in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact the IKB Kip team on + 31 (0) 88 – 998 4340, e-mail: [info@ikbkip.nl](mailto:info@ikbkip.nl).

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B.M. Dellaert', written over a horizontal line.

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