

## **What is Verification?**

Verification involves the application of methods, procedures, tests, and other checks to confirm ongoing:

- Compliance with the legislation;
- Compliance of a food business with a risk based management tool;
- Applicability of the risk-based management tool to the operation concerned;
- Effectiveness of the risk-based management tool.
- The verifier should leave the premises with confidence that the operator can comply with requirements until the next visit.

*Source: Positioning Verification Services for Operational Excellence 2013-2017, MPI, p3*

## **What Services are Provided by MPI Verifiers?**

Our Verifiers provide verification and certification services for more than 1,000 food processing companies – meat, seafood, game and dairy, etc.

More than 80% of verification is associated with red meat exports. Four major New Zealand export markets (EU, USA, China and Russia) currently mandate the use of Government veterinarians as verifiers.

In addition, Verification Services is involved with imports and exports of live animals and germplasm, imported foods, and transitional and containment facilities.

The Veterinary standing army of VS is a primary component of any animal or animal material response under emergency management in areas such as disease and pest incursions, trade response or food incidents.

For a more holistic graphic view of our Contribution click see the Graphic in that section.

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