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Notification of decision on application DIR 224 from Intervet Australia Pty Ltd for the commercial supply of a genetically modified multivalent vaccine (Innovax®-ND-ILT) for chickens

The Regulator has issued licence DIR 224 to Intervet Australia Pty Ltd, authorising the commercial supply of a genetically modified (GM) multivalent vaccine for the prevention of Marek's disease, Newcastle disease and infectious laryngotracheitis.

The supply is authorised to take place throughout Australia. Use of the vaccines may not occur without additional authorisations from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) and the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA).

The Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plan (RARMP) and the licence were finalised taking into account input received during consultation with the public, State and Territory governments, Australian Government agencies, the Minister for the Environment, the Gene Technology Technical Advisory Committee and local councils. The Regulator thanks submitters for their contributions.

Submissions are summarised in Appendix B and Appendix C of the RARMP, together with information about how the issues raised relating to risks to human health and safety or the environment were considered in preparing and finalising the RARMP.

The finalised RARMP concludes that this commercial supply poses negligible to people and the environment and does not require specific risk treatment measures. However, general licence conditions have been imposed to ensure ongoing oversight of the release.

The finalised RARMP, a summary of the RARMP, the licence and Questions and Answers about this decision can be obtained online from the DIR 224 page of the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator's (OGTR) website or requested via the contacts detailed below.

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