

IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO NEW ZEALAND OF PROCESSED (RENDERED) ANIMAL PROTEIN FOR FURTHER PROCESSING INTO PETFOOD FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

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The information in MAF animal and animal product import health standards is presented in numerically ordered sections with descriptive titles. Sections are grouped into one of four parts, designated alphabetically.

Part A. GENERAL INFORMATION contains sections of general interest, including those relating to the legal basis for MAF import health standards and the general responsibilities of every importer of animals and animal products.

Part B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE contains sections that outline the requirements to be met prior to and during importation. Whether a permit to import is required to be obtained prior to importation is noted, as are conditions of eligibility, transport and general conditions relating to documentation accompanying the consignment.

Part C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE contains sections describing the requirements to be met at the New Zealand border and, if necessary, in a transitional facility in New Zealand prior to any consignment being given biosecurity clearance.

Part D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION contains model health certification which must be completed by the appropriate personnel as indicated in the certification and accompany the consignment to New Zealand.

PART A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD

- 1.1 Pursuant to section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, this document is the import health standard for the importation into New Zealand of processed (rendered) animal protein for further processing into petfood from the European Community.
- 1.2 Obtaining biosecurity clearance for each consignment of processed (rendered) animal protein for further processing into petfood from the European Community is dependent on the consignment meeting the requirements of this import health standard.

- 1.3 This import health standard may be reviewed, amended or revoked if there are changes in New Zealand's import policy, or the animal health status of the originating country, or for any other lawful reason, at the discretion of the Director Animal Biosecurity.

2. IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 The feeding of ruminant protein (e.g. rendered protein derived from cattle, sheep, goats, deer) in any form, composition or admixture to ruminants (e.g. cattle, sheep, goats, deer, alpacas) is prohibited under the Biosecurity (Ruminant Protein) Regulations 1999.
- 2.2 Products containing ruminant protein, or any material from premises that render, produce or utilise ruminant protein, must not be sent for further processing to any premises where feed suitable for ruminants is produced under the Biosecurity (Ruminant Protein) Regulations 1999.
- 2.3 Consignments containing ruminant protein, or any material from premises that render, produce or utilise ruminant protein, must be labelled in accordance with clause 14(c)(ii) of the Biosecurity (Ruminant Protein) Regulations 1999.
- 2.4 The costs of MAF in performing functions relating to the importation of processed (rendered) mammalian protein derived from low risk material for further processing into petfood shall be recovered in accordance with the Biosecurity Act and any regulations made under that Act.
- 2.5 All costs involved with documentation, transport, storage and obtaining a biosecurity direction and/or biosecurity clearance shall be borne by the importer or agent.
- 2.6 Once the consignment has been given biosecurity clearance into New Zealand, it is the importer's responsibility to ensure (where relevant) that the consignment complies with the Animal Products Act 1999, especially if it is returned New Zealand product, product entering operations also used for the export of animal products, or if it is to be re-exported. Information about these requirements can be obtained from the New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZFSA) website:
www.nzfsa.govt.nz/animalproducts/publications/omar/01-172.htm
or by contacting the local NZFSA Verification Agency office. Certification and other official assurance requirements which may be applicable are accessible at:
www.nzfsa.govt.nz/animalproducts/publications/manualsguides/oap/index.htm

3. DEFINITION OF TERMS

97/132/EC

Council Decision 97/132/EC of 17 December 1996 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and New Zealand on sanitary measures applicable to trade in live animals and animal products.

Regulation (EC) No 999/2001

Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2001 laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible

spongiform encephalopathies.

Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002

Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 October 2002 laying down health rules concerning animal by-products not intended for human consumption.

Biosecurity clearance

A clearance under section 26 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 for the entry of goods into New Zealand.

Director Animal Biosecurity

The Director Animal Biosecurity, New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, or any person who for the time being may lawfully exercise and perform the power and functions of the Director Animal Biosecurity.

European Community

Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands and United Kingdom.

MAF

New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

New Zealand Inspector

A person who is appointed an inspector under section 103 of the Biosecurity Act 1993

Official Veterinarian

A veterinarian authorised by the National Veterinary Competent Authority of the country to perform animal health and/or public health inspections of commodities and, when appropriate, perform certification in conformity with the provisions of the chapter of the OIE Code pertaining to principles of certification and Council Directive 96/93/EC.

Petfood

As defined in Council Directive 90/667/EEC. This refers to food prepared for direct consumption by dogs and cats only.

PART B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE

4. PERMIT TO IMPORT

4.1 A permit to import is not required.

5. ELIGIBILITY

5.1 Packaging must be labelled: “Not for use in ruminant feedstuffs”.

6. DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

6.1 The consignment shall be accompanied by appropriately completed health certification which meets the requirements of PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION.

6.2 Documentation shall be in English, but may be bilingual (language of exporting country/English).

6.3 It is the importer’s responsibility to ensure that any documentation presented in accordance with the requirements of this import health standard is original (unless otherwise specified) and clearly legible. Failure to do so may result in delays in obtaining biosecurity direction and/or clearance or rejection of consignments.

PART C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

7. BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

7.1 Upon arrival in New Zealand the documentation accompanying the consignment shall be inspected by an Inspector at the port of arrival.

7.2 Providing that the documentation meets all requirements noted under PART D: ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION and the consignment meets the conditions of ELIGIBILITY, the consignment may, as appropriate, be given a biosecurity clearance pursuant to section 26 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 or biosecurity direction pursuant to section 25 of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

8. NEGOTIATED EXPORT CERTIFICATION

8.1 The following Model Zoosanitary Certificate contains the information required by MAF to accompany imports of processed (rendered) animal protein for further processing into petfood from the European Community.

**9. ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR PROCESSED (RENDERED) ANIMAL PROTEIN FOR FURTHER PROCESSING INTO PETFOOD - ANNEX A
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AN Number and Name of Animal Product:

Certificate Number:

Exporting Member State:.....

Competent Ministry of Exporting Member State:.....

I. Identification of Product

Number of packages:.....

Nature of packaging:.....

Nature of the goods:

Species product derived from:

Net weight in kilograms (kg):

Number of the container(s) and container seal number(s):

Production date(s):

II. Origin of Product

Name and official approval number(s) of establishment(s):

Product derived from animals born and reared

(List applicable countries / Member States)

III. Consignment Information:

Place of loading:.....

Name and address of consignor:

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Name and address of consignee:

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Port of Disembarkation:.....

Country of Final Destination: NEW ZEALAND

IV. Health Attestation

I the undersigned hereby certify that:

The animal products herein described, comply with the relevant European Community animal health/public health standards and requirements which have been recognised as equivalent to the New Zealand standards and requirements as prescribed in Council Decision 97/132/EC, as last amended, specifically, in accordance with:

- Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 and Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002.

V. Additional Declaration(s)/Guarantee(s)

I the undersigned hereby certify that the animal product is eligible for intra-community trade without restriction.

I the undersigned hereby certify that this product does not contain and is not derived from bovine, ovine and caprine materials other than those derived from animals born, continuously reared and slaughtered in the European Union and which has been produced in full compliance with Regulations of the European Parliament and the Council (EC) No 999/2001 and (EC) No 1774/2002 as applicable.

VI. This certificate is valid for 4 months from the date of issue (unless revoked)

Done at:.....

on:.....

Signature and Seal of Official Veterinarian:.....

(Note: The signature and official seal must be in a colour different to that of the printing.

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