

# **IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO NEW ZEALAND OF TACOS CONTAINING COOKED BEEF FROM MEXICO**

## **USER GUIDE**

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. When MAF has accepted health certification produced by a government authority in the exporting country as meeting the requirements of the model health certification this is noted. When no health certification is required to accompany consignments Part D. will note “none required”.

## **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 tacos containing cooked beef from Mexico.
- 1.2 Obtaining biosecurity clearance for each consignment of tacos containing cooked beef imported into New Zealand from Mexico is dependent upon 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 costs to MAF in performing functions relating to the importation of tacos containing cooked beef shall be recovered in accordance with the Biosecurity Act and any regulations made under that Act.
- 2.2 All costs involved with documentation, transport, storage and obtaining a biosecurity direction and/or biosecurity clearance shall be borne by the importer or agent.
- 2.3 Please note that commercial consignments of products imported into New Zealand for human consumption must comply with the Food Regulations (1984) of New Zealand. Importers are advised to contact the New Zealand Ministry of Health if in doubt whether or not imported foods are eligible for sale within New Zealand.

## **3. DEFINITION OF TERMS**

### **biosecurity clearance**

As defined by the Biosecurity Act 1993.

### **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.

### **equivalence**

Acceptance by MAF that the circumstances relating to the importation of a consignment are such that the health status of the consignment is equivalent to the health status of a consignment that complies with the requirements of the import health standard.

### **New Zealand Inspector**

As defined by the Biosecurity Act 1993.

### **MAF**

The New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

### **Official Veterinarian**

A civil service veterinarian or a specially appointed veterinarian, as authorised by the Veterinary Administration of the country.

## **4. EQUIVALENCE**

- 4.1 It is expected that the animal product will meet the conditions of this import health standard in every respect. If the products do not comply with the requirements, an application for equivalence may be submitted to MAF for consideration. Detailed information supporting the application for equivalence must be forwarded to MAF for a decision.

## **PART B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE**

### **5. PERMIT TO IMPORT**

5.1 Importation into New Zealand of tacos containing cooked beef from Mexico which meet the requirements of this import health standard may, subject to sections 27 and 28 of the Biosecurity Act, be given biosecurity clearance and do not require a biosecurity direction to a transitional facility. As such, they do not require a permit to import.

### **6. ELIGIBILITY**

6.1 The product is beef tacos manufactured by:

Delimex Mexicana, SA de CV Priv. Adolfo Lopez Mateos No.4118-A San Nicolas de los Garza Nueva Leon CP 66480 MEXICO	Sigma Alimentos Congelados, SA de CV Industria Alimenticia No.760 Parque Industrial 67735 Linares, Nueva Leon MEXICO
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### **7. DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT**

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

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

7.3 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**

### **8. BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE**

8.1 Upon arrival in New Zealand the documentation accompanying the consignment shall be inspected by an Inspector at the port of arrival. The Inspector may also inspect the consignment, or a sample of the consignment.

8.2 Providing that the consignment meets all requirements noted under PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION and the consignment meets the conditions of ELIGIBILITY, the consignment may, subject to sections 27 and 28 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, be given a biosecurity clearance pursuant to section 26 of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

## **9. NEGOTIATED EXPORT CERTIFICATION**

- 9.1 The following documents are recognised by MAF as equivalent to the requirements of PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION, and are approved to accompany imports of tacos containing cooked beef from Mexico when appropriately completed by a representative of the exporting country's competent authority.

## **10. MODEL ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION**

**I. COMMODITY:** TACOS CONTAINING COOKED BEEF

### **II. CERTIFYING AUTHORITY:**

- i. Agency:
- ii. Department:
- iii. Country:

### **III. ORIGIN OF THE CONSIGNMENT**

- i. Name/s and address/es of processing premises:
- ii. Processing premises registration number (if applicable):

### **IV. CONSIGNMENT DESCRIPTION**

- i. Number of packages:
- ii. Nature of packaging:
- iii. Nature of the goods:
- iv. Animal species product derived from:
- v. Number of the container(s) and container seal number(s):
- vi. Weight in kilograms (kg):

### **V. CONSIGNMENT INFORMATION**

- i. Name and address of exporter:
- ii. Name and address of New Zealand importer:

### **VI. DESTINATION OF THE CONSIGNMENT**

- i. Port of loading/disembarkation:
- ii. Vessel/voyage number:
- iii. Port of destination in New Zealand:

### **VII. ZOOSANITARY INFORMATION**

- 10.1 Foot and mouth disease and rinderpest have not occurred in Mexico during the twelve months immediately prior to manufacture of the products.
- 10.2 Mexico is recognised as free from bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) (according to Articles 3.2.13.1 and 3.2.13.2 of the OIE International Animal Health Code).
- 10.3 The products contains cooked beef derived from animals killed and processed at a processing plant under the supervision of the veterinary authorities.
- 10.4 The cattle from which the meat was derived were subject to ante-mortem and post-mortem veterinary inspection at the time of slaughter, and were found to be free from evidence of infectious or contagious disease.

10.5 The products were manufactured in premises licensed for export to the United States of America and in accordance with United States regulations.

10.6 The products are sound and fit for human consumption.

Signature of *Official Veterinarian*:

Date:

Name and address of office:

**N.B. Official stamp of the government veterinary authority of the exporting country must be applied to all pages of zoosanitary certification.**

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