

IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION OF DRY LIMED ANIMAL HIDE CUTTINGS AND SPLITS INTO NEW ZEALAND

1. PERMIT TO IMPORT

- 1.1 Prior to importation, it is mandatory that the importer applies for a permit to import, which authorises the importation of an animal product to New Zealand.

This permit is obtained from:

Chief Veterinary Officer
Ministry of Agriculture
P O Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand.

- 1.2 The importer shall supply the following information:

- description and type of product
- date of the proposed importation

- 1.3 Attached to, and an integral part of the permit to import, is the current import health standard which describes the conditions under which the animal product may be imported to New Zealand.

2. REVIEW OF IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD

The import health standard may be reviewed and amended if there are changes in New Zealand's import policy, or the animal health status of the originating country, or for any other reason, at the discretion of the Chief Veterinary Officer.

3. DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

- 3.1 The permit to import and all the required certification, which must be in English or a bilingual (language of specified country/English) form, must accompany the consignment to New Zealand.
- 3.2 When the permit to import is for a single consignment, the original permit to import, the import health standard, and all the required certification must accompany the consignment to New Zealand.
- 3.3 When the permit to import is for multiple consignments, a copy of the permit to import and import health standard, together with the required certification shall accompany the consignment to New Zealand.

4. IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

All costs associated with the importation, which include testing, treatment, transport, servicing and veterinary certification must be borne by the importer.

5. DISPENSATION APPLICATION

The attached health conditions have been agreed as being suitable for trade between the exporting and the importing countries. It is expected that the animal product will meet the conditions in every respect.

Occasionally it is found that, due to circumstances beyond the importer's control, the products do not comply completely with the requirements. In such cases an application for dispensation will be considered and issued at the discretion of the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture, but only if the following information is forwarded by the certifying authority:

- 5.1 which clause/s of the health requirements cannot be met and how this has occurred;
- 5.2 the reason the animal product is considered to be of an "equivalent health" status and/or what proposal is made to return the animal product to an equivalent health status as set-out in the health conditions;
- 5.3 the reasons why the certifying authority believe this proposal should be acceptable to the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and their recommendation for its acceptance.

6. ELIGIBILITY FOR IMPORTATION

- 6.1 Importation is restricted to:

Davis Gelatine (NZ) Limited
P O Box 19-542
CHRISTCHURCH

- 6.2 The products shall be imported by sea and the port of entry shall be Christchurch.
- 6.3 The Quarantine Service of the Ministry of Agriculture at Christchurch must be notified in writing at least 48 hours prior to arrival of the consignment.

7. HEALTH CERTIFICATION

Each consignment must be accompanied by a certificate issued by an official government veterinary officer which states:

- 7.1 identification of the consignment; by giving the shipping marks, brands, etc.

- 7.2 that the hides are from animals slaughtered for human consumption.
- 7.3 that at the time of slaughter the animals from which the hides were derived were free from signs of anthrax, foot and mouth disease and rinderpest.
- 7.4 the hide cuttings/splits were subjected to a liming process associated with the tanning and dehairing of hides.
- 7.5 the products have been packaged in new clean packing materials.

8. BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

- 8.1 A conditional release will be issued provided that the documentation is in order.
- 8.2 The consignment shall be taken directly to the factory at Woolston, Christchurch, and stored in a closed building until required for further processing, whereupon the wrappings in which the hides/skins have been stored are to be destroyed by incineration.
- 8.3 Please note that the products may be subject to post-arrival inspection or treatment by the Department of Health.

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