

# **IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION OF COMMERCIAL SHIPMENTS OF UNTANNED CATTLE/SHEEP/GOAT/DEER HIDES AND SKINS INTO NEW ZEALAND FROM SPECIFIED COUNTRIES**

## **1. IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD**

Pursuant to section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, this document is the import health standard for the importation of commercial shipments of untanned cattle / sheep / goat / deer hides and skins into New Zealand from specified countries.

## **2. PERMIT TO IMPORT**

2.1 Prior to importation, it is mandatory that the importer applies for a permit to import, which authorises the importation of hides and skins into New Zealand.

This permit is obtained from:

Director Animal Biosecurity  
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry  
P O Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand.

2.2 The importer shall supply the following information:

2.2.1 name and address of exporter

2.2.2 name and address of the Approved Tannery at which the hides/skins are to be processed

2.2.3 description and type of product, method of curing, and the method of further processing (if any).

2.3 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.

## **3. 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 Director Animal Biosecurity.

#### 4. DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

The permit to import will be issued for multiple consignments to enter New Zealand over a period of 12 months. A copy of the permit to import and import health standard, together with the required certification, which must be in English or a bilingual (language of specified country/English) form, must accompany the consignment to New Zealand.

#### 5. IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

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

#### 6. ELIGIBILITY FOR IMPORTATION

Specified countries are as follows:

Austria	Germany
Canada	Norway
Chile	United States of America
Finland	

#### 7. MANUFACTURER'S DECLARATION

Each consignment must be accompanied by a written declaration from the owner/secretary or manager of the works at which the hides/skins were processed which:

- 7.1 identifies the shipment.
- 7.2 states the curing/processing to which the hides/skins have been subjected.
- 7.3 certifies that the hides/skins are free from insect infestation.
- 7.4 certifies that the hides/skins have been packed in new clean packaging.

#### 8. HEALTH CERTIFICATION

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

- 8.1 foot and mouth disease, lumpy skin disease, rinderpest and sheep pox & goat pox have not occurred in the country of origin during the previous twelve months.
- 8.2 the hides/skins originate from animals that have been subjected to ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection under veterinary supervision, and no signs of anthrax were detected.

8.3 I have no reason to doubt the accuracy of the manufacturer's declaration.

9. BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

9.1 A biosecurity direction will be issued provided the documentation is in order.

9.2 The hides/skins shall be taken directly to the nominated Approved Tannery named on the permit to import for processing, where the wrappings in which the hides/skins have been shipped are to be destroyed by incineration.

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