

IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO NEW ZEALAND OF ORNAMENTAL ANIMAL PRODUCTS FROM ALL COUNTRIES

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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 which 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 ornamental animal products from all countries.
- 1.2 Obtaining biosecurity clearance for each consignment of ornamental animal products imported into New Zealand from all countries is dependant 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 product must be accompanied by a permit to export where required by the legislation of the country of origin and the convention relating to "Trading in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora". The importer is advised to clarify the status of the species of origin of animal products in relation to international agreements on their trade, prior to export. Material arriving in New Zealand without a permit to export may be subject to customs delays pending clearance from the New Zealand Department of Conservation.
- 2.2 The costs of MAF in performing functions relating to the importation of ornamental animal products shall be recovered in accordance with the Biosecurity Act and any regulations made under that Act.
- 2.3 All costs involved with documentation, transport, storage and obtaining a biosecurity direction and/or biosecurity clearance shall be borne by the importer or agent.

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 the Director Animal Biosecurity 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.

Inspector

As defined by the Biosecurity Act 1993.

MAF

The New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Marine fish

Means any fish which does not spend any part of its life cycle in freshwater.

Ornamental animal product

A product used for decorative purposes.

Official Veterinarian

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

Veterinary Officer

A registered veterinarian who is an inspector under the Biosecurity Act employed either by MAF or by a supplier contracted to provide services to MAF.

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 Importations of ornamental animal products into New Zealand from all countries 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 Provided all conditions specified under this import health standard are met, the following items are eligible for importation:
- i) Ornamental animal products containing animal skin, fibre or bone (for example: skin drums and shields; hunting trophies; pieces of animal skin and hair for fly-tying material.)
 - ii) Mounted fish specimens and ornaments, fish jaws, shells and shell ornaments.
 - iii) Blown eggs imported as souvenirs, curios or ornaments.

(NB: a separate import health standard applies for the importation of feathers for fly-tying and ornamental purposes – “Import Health Standard for the Importation into New Zealand of Feathers for Commercial, Fly-tying and Ornamental Purposes”.)

- 6.2 The ornamental animal products must be free of animal tissues such as blood, flesh and fatty tissues.
- 6.3 Marine fish and sea shell ornaments that meet the requirements of clause 6.2 above may be imported without zoosanitary certification or fumigation/treatment.
- 6.4 Articles manufactured from polished and/or treated horn, bone, antler, beaks, tusks and teeth such as curios, buttons, jewellery, paper knives etc. may be released unconditionally provided they are free from any visible contamination.
- 6.5 Musical instruments and cultural performance items that meet the requirements of 6.2 above may be imported without zoosanitary certification or fumigation/treatment.
- 6.6 Blown eggs shall be completely blown and free of animal tissues in accordance with clause 6.2 above. Eggs mounted in a sealed display case may be released unconditionally.

7 DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

- 7.1 The consignment shall be accompanied by appropriately completed health certification that 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 documentation 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.
- 8.3 If the consignment does not meet the requirements noted under PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION, the consignment must be treated at the importer's expense by one of the following treatments before being eligible for biosecurity clearance:
 - 8.3.1 the products must be fumigated with 10% formalin (formaldehyde) for 8 hours; OR

8.3.2 in an airtight container, the products must be sprayed with a 10% formalin (formaldehyde) solution. The container must be left sealed for 8 hours; OR

8.3.3 the products must be irradiated with a minimum dose of 5 Mrad (50 kGy) in a closed and sealed package.

(NB: irradiation can be carried out by Schering-Plough Animal Health Ltd, Private Bag 908, Upper Hutt, New Zealand. Att: Manager, Irradiation).

PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

9 MODEL ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

COMMODITY: ORNAMENTAL ANIMAL PRODUCTS

CERTIFYING AUTHORITY:

Agency:

Department:

Country:

I. ORIGIN OF THE CONSIGNMENT

II. CONSIGNMENT DESCRIPTION

(i). The commodity contained in this consignment is:

III. DESTINATION OF THE CONSIGNMENT

(i). Name and address of New Zealand importer:

IV. ZOOSANITARY INFORMATION

9.1 The products have been subjected to one of the following treatments:

- i) in an airtight container, the products have been sprayed with a 10% formalin (formaldehyde) solution. The container was left sealed for 8 hours.
- ii) the products have been irradiated with a minimum dose of 5 Mrad (50 kGy) in a closed and sealed package.
- iii) the products have been subject to treatment by fumigation with 10% formalin (formaldehyde) for 8 hours.

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.

Certification is also acceptable in the form of a manufacturer's declaration that has been endorsed by an official government veterinary officer employed by the state veterinary services of the country of origin

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