# IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO NEW ZEALAND OF DRIED BOVINE BLOOD FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION FROM CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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## USER GUIDE

The information in Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) 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 MPI 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 MPI 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 24A of the Act, this document is the import health standard for the importation into New Zealand of dried bovine blood for human consumption from Canada and the United States of America.

1.2 Obtaining biosecurity clearance for each consignment of dried bovine blood for human consumption imported into New Zealand from Canada and the United States of America 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-General.

## 2 IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 The costs to MPI in performing functions relating to the importation of dried bovine blood for human consumption shall be recovered in accordance with the 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 It is the importer or agent's responsibility to ensure that they are compliant with the current version of the relevant import health standard at the time of importation into New Zealand. Current versions of import health standards are available online at http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/commercial-imports/import-health-standards/search

2.4 Commercial consignments imported into New Zealand for human consumption must comply with relevant requirements of the Food Act 1981 and the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code. Importers of food intended for sale for human consumption must be listed with MPI. These requirements are independent of the IHS requirements. Importers are advised to consult MPI's food safety website: http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/industry/importing/.

2.5 The importation of the following animal material or product must comply with the inspection requirements issued in Overseas Market Access Requirements (OMAR) 01/172 under the Animal Products Act 1999:

a) Re-imported animal products or products containing animal product of New Zealand origin returned to New Zealand for domestic sale or use, or for re-export, and

b) Imported animal products or products containing animal product of foreign origin intended for export or further processing for export.

2.6 A prerequisite requirement of this OMAR is biosecurity clearance. The inspection requirements can be found at: http://foodsafety.govt.nz/industry/general/animal-products/omars/01-172.htm or obtained from your local Verification Services office http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/about/verification-agency/contact.htm.

## 3 DEFINITION OF TERMS

**Biosecurity clearance**
A clearance under section 26 of the Act for the entry of goods into New Zealand.
(Explanatory Note: Goods given a biosecurity clearance by an inspector are released to the importer without restriction)

**Competent Authority**

The Veterinary or other Governmental Authority of an OIE Member, that has the responsibility and competence for ensuring or supervising the implementation of animal health and welfare measures, international veterinary certification and other standards and recommendations in the *Code* in the whole territory.

**Equivalence**
Acceptance by MPI 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**
A person who is appointed an inspector under section 103 of the Act.
(Explanatory Note: An inspector is appointed to undertake administering and enforcing the provisions of the Act and controls imposed under the Hazardous Substances and New Organism Act 1996, and the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species)

**Official Veterinarian**
A veterinarian authorised by the Competent Authority of the country to perform certain designated official tasks associated with animal health and/or public health and inspections of commodities and, when appropriate, to certify in conformity with the provisions of the OIE *Code* Chapter for certification procedures.

**OIE**
The World Organisation for Animal Health.

**Specified risk materials (SRMs)**
Tonsils, intestines, brains, eyes, spinal cord, skull and vertebral column (and protein products derived thereof), from bovine animals.

### 4 EQUIVALENCE

4.1 The Chief Technical Officer (CTO) may approve measures under section 27(1)(d) of the Act, different from those set out in this IHS, that may be applied to effectively manage risks associated with the importation of these goods. If an equivalent measure is approved a permit to import may be issued under section 24D(2) of the Act, if the Director-General considers it appropriate to do so.

4.2 Permit applications can be accessed here: http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/forms/imports-animal-products.

## PART B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE

### 5 PERMIT TO IMPORT

5.1 Importation into New Zealand of dried bovine blood for human consumption from Canada and the United States of America which meet the requirements of this import health standard may, subject to sections 27 and 28 of the 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 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.

6.4 Where an official stamp cannot be obtained, the zoosanitary certificate must be printed on paper that carries the Competent Authority's departmental seal. The signature of the official veterinarian must be in a different colour of ink to that different to that of the printing.

## 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. The inspector may also inspect the consignment, or a sample of the consignment.

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

### 8 NEGOTIATED EXPORT CERTIFICATION

8.1 The following Model Zoosanitary Certificate contains the information required by MPI to accompany imports of dried bovine blood for human consumption into New Zealand from Canada and the United States of America:

## 9 MODEL ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

**I.** **COMMODITY:** DRIED BOVINE BLOOD FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

**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

9.1 Foot and mouth disease and rinderpest have not occurred in Canada and/or the United States of America during the twelve months immediately prior to manufacture of the products.

9.2 The products: *(delete as applicable)*
9.2.1 Originate from the United States of America; or
9.2.2 Originate from Canada and do not contain any specified risk materials (SRMs).

(Note: See section 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS for definition of SRMs)

9.3 The products were derived from animals that passed ante-mortem and post-mortem veterinary inspection at the time of slaughter and were processed in premises under the supervision of the controlling authority and in accordance with Canadian and/or United States regulations.

9.4 The products are sound and fit for human consumption.

Official stamp:

Signature of *Official Veterinarian*:

Name and address of *Official Veterinarian*:

Date:

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