

# **IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO NEW ZEALAND OF MARINE FISHERIES PRODUCTS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY**

## **ANNEX A ASSIGNED NUMBER (AN) 9.1, 9.2, 9.4, 9.5**

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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.

## **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 marine fisheries products for human consumption from the European Community.
- 1.2 Obtaining biosecurity clearance for each consignment of marine fisheries products for human consumption from the European Community 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 of MAF in performing functions relating to the importation of marine fisheries products for human consumption 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 Commercial consignments of products imported into New Zealand for human consumption in New Zealand must comply with the Food Act 1981. These requirements are independent of the import health standard requirements and are managed by the New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZFSA). Importers are advised to contact the NZFSA or consult the NZFSA website:  
[www.nzfsa.govt.nz/imported-food/index.htm](http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/imported-food/index.htm)
- 2.4 Once the consignment has been given biosecurity clearance into New Zealand, it is the importer's responsibility to ensure (where relevant) that the consignment complies with the Animal Products Act 1999, especially if it is returned New Zealand product, product entering operations also used for the export of animal products, or if it is to be re-exported. Information about these requirements can be obtained from the New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZFSA) website:  
[www.nzfsa.govt.nz/animalproducts/publications/omar/01-172.htm](http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/animalproducts/publications/omar/01-172.htm)  
or by contacting the local NZFSA Verification Agency office. Certification and other official assurance requirements which may be applicable are accessible at:  
[www.nzfsa.govt.nz/animalproducts/publications/manualsguides/oap/index.htm](http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/animalproducts/publications/manualsguides/oap/index.htm)
- 2.5 Please note that the Customs Import Prohibition (Trout) Order 1998, administered by the New Zealand Customs Service, prohibits the importation of trout and trout products in quantities exceeding 10 kilograms, or in quantities of less than 10 kilograms if the goods are intended for sale, except with the consent of, and subject to such conditions as may be imposed by the Minister of Conservation.

## **3. DEFINITION OF TERMS**

### **91/67/EEC**

Council Directive 91/67/EEC of 28 January 1991 concerning the animal health conditions governing the placing on the market of aquaculture animals and products.

### **91/492/EEC**

Council Directive 91/492/EEC of 15 July 1991 laying down the health conditions for the production and the placing on the market of live bivalve molluscs.

### **91/493/EEC**

Council Directive 91/493/EEC of 22 July 1991 laying down the health conditions for the production and the placing on the market of fishery products.

**97/132/EC**

Council Decision 97/132/EC of 17 December 1996 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and New Zealand on sanitary measures applicable to trade in live animals and animal products.

**2002/99/EC**

Council Directive 2002/99/EC of 16 December 2002 laying down the animal health rules governing the production, processing, distribution and introduction of products of animal origin for human consumption

**Biosecurity clearance**

A clearance under section 26 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 for the entry of goods into New Zealand.

**Director Animal Biosecurity**

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.

**European Community**

Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands and United Kingdom.

**MAF**

New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

**Marine fisheries products for human consumption**

For the purposes of this import health standard, includes marine finfish (but excluding salmonids), molluscs (e.g. mussels, oysters, clams, cockles, scallops, abalone, whelks, snails), crustaceans (e.g. crabs, lobsters, prawns, scampi, crayfish, shrimps), echinoderms (e.g. sea urchins, sea cucumbers) and tunicates.

**New Zealand Inspector**

A person who is appointed an inspector under section 103 of the Biosecurity Act 1993

**Official Veterinarian**

A veterinarian authorised by the National Veterinary Competent Authority of the country to perform animal health and/or public health inspections of commodities and, when appropriate, perform certification in conformity with the provisions of the chapter of the OIE Code pertaining to principles of certification and Council Directive 96/93/EC.

**Salmonids**

For the purposes of this import health standard, salmonids mean fish in the genera *Oncorhynchus*, *Salmo* and *Salvelinus*.

## PART B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE

### 4. PERMIT TO IMPORT

- 4.1 A permit is not required for shelled molluscs (e.g. mussels, oysters, clams, cockles, scallops, abalone, whelks, snails), crustaceans (e.g. crabs, lobsters, prawns, scampi, crayfish, shrimps), echinoderms (e.g. sea urchins, sea cucumbers) and tunicates.
- 4.2 A permit to import is required for all consignments containing **unshelled** molluscs (e.g. mussels, oysters, clams, cockles, scallops, abalone, whelks, snails). Application for a permit to import shall be made prior to the proposed date of importation in writing to Director Animal Biosecurity, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand.

### 5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 Marine fisheries products eligible for importation include marine finfish (excluding salmonids), molluscs (e.g. mussels, oysters, clams, cockles, scallops, abalone, whelks, snails), crustaceans (e.g. crabs, lobsters, prawns, scampi, crayfish, shrimps), echinoderms (e.g. sea urchins, sea cucumbers) and tunicates.

(Note: Salmonids from the European Union should be imported under the import health standard, FISSALIC.EEC (Fresh/Frozen/Processed Salmonids for Human Consumption from the European Community).

- 5.2 Marine fisheries products for human consumption must be dead.
- 5.3 Molluscs (e.g. mussels, oysters, clams, cockles, scallops, abalone, whelks, snails), crustaceans (e.g. crabs, lobsters, prawns, scampi, crayfish, shrimps), echinoderms (e.g. sea urchins, sea cucumbers) and tunicates must be frozen or processed (i.e. cooked, dried).
- 5.4 Crustaceans (e.g. crabs, lobsters, prawns, scampi, crayfish, shrimps) may be imported whether of marine or freshwater origin.
- 5.5 For products that have been imported into the European Community from a third country and are subsequently destined for export to New Zealand, the following requirements must be met:
- 5.5.1 The following additional declaration shall be included on the model health certificate (see PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION):
- “The product described herein was derived/partly derived from product which:
- i. was imported into the European Community from: .....  
(Country/countries of origin)
- ii. was further stored, handled, processed, wrapped, and/or packaged in an establishment which is eligible to process product for intra-Community trade,

- iii. is the subject of an existing import health standard between New Zealand and the third country/countries where the product originated,
- iv. originated in a third country/countries and establishment(s) listed by the European Community and is eligible for export to the European Community.”

5.5.2 A copy of the original “import” certificate (i.e. certificate(s) used to import the product into the European Community) is to be attached to the model health certificate (see PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION). This copy is to be endorsed “certified copy of original” and be signed by the certifying officer.

## **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.

## **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.
- 7.2 Providing that the documentation meets all requirements noted under PART D: ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION and the consignment meets the conditions of ELIGIBILITY, the consignment may, as appropriate, be given a biosecurity clearance pursuant to section 26 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 or biosecurity direction pursuant to section 25 of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

## **PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION**

### **8. NEGOTIATED EXPORT CERTIFICATION**

- 8.1 The following Model Zoosanitary Certificate contains the information required by MAF to accompany imports of marine fisheries products into New Zealand from the European Community.

**9. ANIMAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR MARINE FISHERIES PRODUCTS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION – ANNEX A ASSIGNED NUMBER AN 9.1, 9.2, 9.4, .9.5**

**AN Number and Name of Animal Product:** .....

**Certificate Number:** .....

**Exporting Member State:** .....

**Competent Ministry of Exporting Member State:** .....

**I. Identification of Product**

Number of packages: .....

Nature of packaging: .....

Nature of the goods: .....

Species product derived from: .....

Net weight in kilograms (kg): .....

Number of the container(s) and container seal number(s): .....

Production date(s): .....

**II. Origin of Product**

Name and official approval number(s) of establishment(s): .....

**III. Consignment Information**

Place of loading: .....

Name and address of consignor: .....

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Name and address of consignee: .....

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**Port of Disembarkation:** .....

**Country of Final Destination:** NEW ZEALAND

**IV. Health Attestation**

I, the undersigned hereby certify that:

The animal products herein described, comply with the relevant European Community animal health/public health standards and requirements which have been recognised as equivalent to New Zealand standards and requirements as prescribed in Council Decision 97/132/EC, as last amended, specifically, in accordance with:

- For molluscs: Council Directive 91/67/EEC, Council Directive 91/492/EEC Council Directive 91/493/EEC and Council Directive 2002/99/EC.
- For finfish, crustaceans, echinoderms and tunicates: Council Directive 91/67/EEC, Council Directive 91/493/EEC and Council Directive 2002/99/EC.

**V. Additional Declaration(s)/Guarantee(s)**

I, the undersigned hereby certify that:

The animal product is eligible for intra-community trade without restriction.

**V. This certificate is valid for 4 months from the date of issue (unless revoked)**

Done at:.....

on:.....

Signature and Seal of Official Veterinarian:.....

(Note: The signature and official seal must be in a colour different to that of the printing.)

Ref: AI-EU010

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