

IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO NEW ZEALAND OF PROCESSED PETFOOD CONTAINING CATEGORY 3 MATERIAL ONLY FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

ANNEX A ASSIGNED NUMBERS (AN) 21.1, 21.2, 21.3

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Clearance of pet food from the UK may be given on the basis of DEFRA's Animal Health Certificate regardless of the omission in the certificate of the import health standard's Clause 9(II) (Origin of Product) question: "*Product derived from animals born and reared.....*".

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 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.

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 processed petfood containing category 3 material only from the European Community.
- 1.2 Obtaining biosecurity clearance for each consignment of processed petfood containing category 3 material only from the European Community is dependent on 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 processed petfood category 3 material only 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.

3. DEFINITION OF TERMS

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.

Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002

Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 October 2002 laying down health rules concerning animal by-products not intended for human consumption.

Biosecurity clearance

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

Category 3 material

Category 3 material according to Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002.

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.

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.

Hermetically sealed containers

Impervious containers sealed at the point of manufacture and not able to be opened and resealed since that time. Examples are screw-top glass or plastic containers with tamper-proof seals, sealed foil containers, vacuum-packed and heat-sealed plastic containers and cans.

MAF

New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

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.

Petfood

As defined in Council Directive 90/667/EEC. This refers to food intended for direct consumption by dogs and cats only.

Processed petfood containing processed (rendered) animal protein

As defined in Council Directive 92/118/EEC. This refers to animal protein which has been treated so as to render it suitable for direct use as an ingredient in petfood. This includes fully manufactured petfoods containing e.g. fish meal, meat meal, bone meal, hoof meal, horn meal, blood meal and feather meal.

Sealed packaging

Packaging is sealed at the point of manufacture. The original packaging must be intact i.e. has not been opened. Providing that the packaging is sealed, tamper-proof and shows no sign of having been opened, then any material is suitable for packing. Examples include hermetically sealed containers (as described above), sewn multi-wall paper bags and sealed cardboard boxes.

PART B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE

4. PERMIT TO IMPORT

4.1 A permit to import is not required.

5. ELIGIBILITY

5.1 The following products are eligible for importation under this import health standard:

5.1.1 processed petfood (containing mammalian material) in hermetically sealed containers;

5.1.2 semi-moist and dried processed petfood (containing mammalian material), e.g. biscuits in sealed packaging;

5.1.3 dog chews from ungulates (excluding equidae);

5.1.4 processed petfood derived from fish material

5.2 For processed petfood which has been imported into the European Community from a third country and is subsequently destined for export to New Zealand, the following requirements must be met:

5.2.1 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.”

5.2.2 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 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 processed petfood containing category 3 material only from the European Community:

**9. ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR PROCESSED PETFOOD
CONTAINING CATEGORY 3 MATERIAL ONLY - ANNEX A ASSIGNED
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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):

Product derived from animals born and reared
(List applicable countries / Member States)

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:

Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002.

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

I the undersigned hereby certify that the animal product is eligible for intra-community trade without restriction.

I the undersigned hereby certify that this product does not contain and is not derived from bovine, ovine and caprine materials other than those derived from animals born, continuously reared and slaughtered in the European Union and which has been produced in full compliance with Regulations of the European Parliament and the Council (EC) No 999/2001 and (EC) No 1774/2002 as applicable.

VI. 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.)

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