

IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO NEW ZEALAND OF SPRAY-DRIED EGG PRODUCTS FOR FURTHER PROCESSING INTO ANIMAL FOOD FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1. IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD

Pursuant to section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, this is the import health standard for the importation into New Zealand of spray-dried egg products for further processing into animal food from the United States of America.

2. PERMIT TO IMPORT

2.1 A permit to import is required for the importation into New Zealand of spray-dried egg products for further processing into animal food from the United States of America. Application for a permit to import shall be made at least 30 days prior to the proposed date of importation in writing to The Director of Animal Biosecurity, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand.

2.2 An application for a permit to import shall provide the following information:

- name and address of importer; and
- name and address of exporter; and
- description and type of the product to be imported; and
- name and address of the transitional facility to which the consignment is to proceed following importation.

2.3 A permit to import will be granted for multiple consignments over a 12 month period.

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 of Animal Biosecurity.

4. DEFINITION OF TERMS

Animal food: this refers to food suitable for direct feeding to mammalian animal species and fish.

Transitional facility: as defined by the Biosecurity Act 1993.

5. DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

The permit to import, the import health standard and all the required information and ORIGINAL certification, which must be in English, must accompany the consignment to New Zealand.

6. IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

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

7. HEALTH CERTIFICATION

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

7.1 No case of avian influenza or Newcastle disease has occurred within a 10 kilometre radius of any of the commercial laying establishments supplying eggs to the processing plant(s) within the preceding 2 months.

7.2 The commercial laying establishments supplying eggs to the processing plant(s) are free of avian influenza and Newcastle disease.

7.3 The products are suitable for use as an ingredient in animal food.

7.4 The products have been packed in new, clean packaging.

8. BIOSECURITY DIRECTION

These products may be imported for further processing in New Zealand animal food manufacturing premises that are approved under *MAF Regulatory Standard 154.02.18 Transitional Facilities for Animal Products*. The products may be given a biosecurity direction provided that:

8.1 The products are taken directly to an approved transitional facility named on the permit to import for further processing into animal food. Any method of processing is acceptable provided the end product is suitable for direct feeding to animals.

8.2 Once processing is complete, the remaining products, all residues and wrapping materials are to be destroyed by incineration. Destruction shall be carried out on the transitional facility premises or be undertaken by the MAF Quarantine Service.

8.3 The products are not to be used in the manufacture of rations for birds.

9. BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

The products will be eligible for a Biosecurity Clearance upon completion of further processing into animal food.

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