

# **IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO NEW ZEALAND OF SPRAY- DRIED BOVINE AND PORCINE BLOOD PRODUCTS FOR FURTHER PROCESSING INTO ANIMAL FOOD FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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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 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 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 spray-dried bovine and porcine blood products for further processing into animal food from the United States of America.

- 1.2 Obtaining biosecurity clearance for each consignment of spray-dried bovine and porcine blood products for further processing into animal food imported into New Zealand from 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 Animal Biosecurity.

## **2 IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 2.1 The costs to MAF in performing functions relating to the importation of spray-dried bovine and porcine blood products 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**

### **animal food**

This refers to food suitable for direct feeding to non-ruminant animals, birds and fish.

### **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 MAF 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.

### **New Zealand Inspector**

As defined by the Biosecurity Act 1993.

### **MAF**

The New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

### **Official Veterinarian**

An official veterinarian means a veterinarian authorised by the Veterinary Administration 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

**Specified risk materials (SRMs)**

From animals of all ages: the entire head (excluding the tongue) including the brain, eyes, trigeminal ganglia and tonsils; the thymus; and the intestines from the duodenum to the rectum.

From animals older than 6 months: the spleen and spinal cord.

From animals older than 30 months: the vertebral column (including dorsal root ganglia).

**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 Importation into New Zealand of spray-dried bovine and porcine blood products for further processing into animal food from the United States of America 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 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 The feeding of ruminant protein (i.e. bovine blood products in this case) in any form, composition or admixture to ruminants (e.g. cattle, sheep, goats, deer, alpacas) is prohibited under the Biosecurity (Ruminant Protein) Regulations 1999.

- 6.5 Products containing ruminant protein, or any material from premises that render, produce or utilise ruminant protein, must not be sent for further processing to any premises where feed suitable for ruminants is produced under the Biosecurity (Ruminant Protein) Regulations 1999.
- 6.6 Consignments containing ruminant protein, or any material from premises that render, produce or utilise ruminant protein, must be labelled in accordance with clause 14(c)(ii) of the Biosecurity (Ruminant Protein) Regulations 1999.

## **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 Biosecurity Act 1993, be given a biosecurity clearance pursuant to section 26 of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

## **PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION**

### **8 NEGOTIATED EXPORT CERTIFICATION**

The following Model Zoosanitary Certificate contains the information required by MAF to accompany imports of spray-dried bovine and/or porcine blood products for further processing into animal food into New Zealand from the United States of America:

## **9 MODEL ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION**

**COMMODITY:** Spray-dried bovine and porcine blood products for further processing into animal food from the USA

Certifying Authority:

Agency:

Department:

Country:

### **I. ORIGIN OF THE CONSIGNMENT**

- i. Name(s) and address(s) of processing premises:
- ii. Processing premises registration number (if applicable):

### **II. 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):

### **III. CONSIGNMENT INFORMATION**

- i. Name and address of exporter:
- ii. Name and address of New Zealand importer:

### **IV. DESTINATION OF THE CONSIGNMENT**

- i. Name and address of New Zealand importer:

## V. SANITARY INFORMATION

### VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

I, ....., an Official Veterinarian authorised by the USA Government certify, after due enquiry, with respect to the bovine and/or porcine blood products identified in this Zoosanitary Certificate that:

- 9.1 Foot and mouth disease and rinderpest have not occurred in the United States of America during the twelve months immediately prior to manufacture of the products.
- 9.2 In the case of porcine blood products: African swine fever, classical swine fever (hog cholera) and swine vesicular disease have not occurred in the United States of America during the twelve months immediately prior to manufacture of the products.
- 9.3 In the case of bovine blood products: The products do not contain any specified risk materials (SRMs). (Note: See Section 3 for definition of SRMs).
- 9.4 The products originate from a government licensed slaughtering establishment that slaughters animals for human consumption and operates under Government Veterinary Supervision.
- 9.5 The products are derived from animals subjected to ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection and were found to be free from signs of disease.
- 9.6 The products are suitable to be used to manufacture animal food.
- 9.7 The products have been packed in new, clean packaging.

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 the Zoosanitary Certification.**

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