



Guidance Document  
for  
Ornamental Products of Animal Origin

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## Part A. Introduction

### Foreword

This guidance document has been issued to accompany the MAF Import Health Standard for Ornamental Products of Animal Origin (INETROIC.ALL). It is not a legally binding document and, although it can be read independently of the standard, it should be read in conjunction with it to ensure that all matters relating to meeting the requirements of the standard are fully understood.

### Review and amendment

This guidance document is subject to review and amendment at any time to ensure that it continues to meet its purpose. All stakeholders are responsible for ensuring that the most recent version of the Guidance Document is used.

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## Part B. General Guidance

### Clearance

1. For products accompanied by documentation imported under this standard an inspector will inspect the accompanying documentation to ensure that it meets the requirements of the standard i.e. adequately identifies the country of origin, describes the nature of the goods, and where required original.
2. Before clearance is given an inspector may physically inspect all or any part of a consignment to ensure that it meets Part C of this document (which reflects the requirements of the standard).
3. Products that do not meet the requirements of the standard will be authorised for treatment, reshipment or destruction. Importers are therefore advised to comply with the standard so as to avoid any delays or extra costs incurred as a result of non-compliance.
4. Where products imported under this standard are authorised for treatment this must occur on arrival, or at an approved transitional facility in accordance with the [MAF Standard for Approved Biosecurity Treatments](#).

## Part C. Specific Guidance

5. With the exception of unmounted game trophies, all ornamental products of animal origin are required to be free of adherent fat, muscle, sinew, blood, extraneous organic material, pest infestation, and evidence of decay.

Product	Specific guidance/notes
Blown eggs	If professionally prepared and/or sealed in display cases they can be assumed to meet the requirements stated in clause 5 of this document.
Coral	Coral must be non-viable and dry. Live coral can be imported under the <a href="#">MAF Import Health Standard for Ornamental Fish and Marine Invertebrates</a> . Importers should ensure that coral meets <a href="#">CITES</a> requirements.
Egg shell ornaments	If professionally prepared and/or sealed in display cases they can be assumed to meet the requirements stated in clause 5 of this document
Fly-tying material containing animal skin/hair	If dyed they can be assumed to meet the requirements stated in clause 5 of this document
Fully tanned leather and leather goods	This includes jackets, shoes, lounge suites, or fully tanned game trophy hides/skins with fibre attached. Fully tanned hides or skins should have the quality expected of a commercially produced sheepskin rug. The skin should be smooth, clean and dry. Commercial consignments of hides and skins that are not fully tanned or manufactured into products should be imported under the import health standard for hides and skins. See <a href="http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/ihs/search">http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/ihs/search</a>
Manufactured articles derived from horn, bone, beak, tusk, and tooth	Includes curios, buttons, jewellery, paper knives, etc.
Marine ornaments	Includes shells and shell ornaments. Importers should ensure that shells meets <a href="#">CITES</a> requirements.
Mounted game trophies	These can be whole animals, heads of animals, and/or skulls/antlers mounted onto shields.
Rawhide articles and handicrafts	Includes traditional drums, hunting shields, cultural heritage items or items of cultural value that are used for performances or decorative purposes containing hides or skins. If complete surface area is not visible for inspection then item will be treated, reshipped, or destroyed.
Dried or salted mammalian game trophy	Must be free of extraneous organic material, pest infestation, and evidence of decay.

hides and skins	<p>Must have a veterinary certificate as per either Part E or Part F of this document.</p> <p>If no veterinary certificate is offered, or if the certificate does not conform, then the items may be treated on arrival.</p> <p>Importers are advised that MAF has limited facilities where treatments can be conducted for these items so should contact the local MAF office where they will be presented. <a href="http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/contact">http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/contact</a></p>
Irradiated game trophy hides and skins	<p>Must have a veterinary certificate as per either Part E or Part F of this document.</p>
Pickled game trophy hides and skins	<p>Must have a veterinary certificate as per either Part E or Part F of this document.</p>
Un-mounted game trophy skulls, horns, hooves, antlers, bones, tusks, claws, and teeth	<p>Must be free of extraneous organic material, pest infestation, and evidence of decay.</p> <p>Must have a manufacturer's (taxidermist's) declaration as per Part D of this document.</p> <p>If no manufacturer's declaration is offered, or if the declaration does not conform, then the items may be treated on arrival.</p> <p>Importers are advised that MAF has limited facilities where treatments can be conducted for these items so should contact the local MAF office where they will be presented. See <a href="http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/contact">http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/contact</a></p>

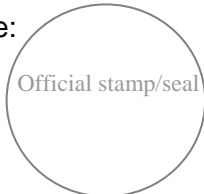
**Importers of game trophy hides and skins (and rawhide products) should be aware of the risks of anthrax when handling these items. Although there is a very low risk of anthrax spores being present, inspectors are advised to always wear gloves when handling these items. The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has published a reference document containing useful questions and answers – see <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/anthrax/faq/pelt.asp>**

## Part D. Model Manufacturer's Declaration

COMPANY LETTERHEAD (full name and address details)	
1. Importer (client) details:	
2. Full description of commodity (i.e. species derived from, specific parts of animal):	
3. Total number of packages:	4. Type of packaging:
5. Processing information: The products described above have been: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>6. boiled at a minimum of 100°C for at least 30 minutes; AND</li><li>7. processed so that all adherent tissues have been completely removed; AND</li><li>8. packaged immediately after treatment in a manner so as to ensure that there is no subsequent contamination with untreated goods of similar nature.</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Must be signed and dated</b></p>	

## Part E. Model Veterinary Certificate (all countries except EU)

1. Exporter: Name: Address:	2. Certificate reference number:  3. Veterinary Authority:
4. Importer: Name:  Address:	
5. Country of origin:	6. Zone or compartment of origin:
7. Country of destination:	
8. Port of departure:	9. Date of departure:
10. Means of transport:  Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Ship <input type="checkbox"/>	11. Species derived from:
12. Description of commodity:	13. Net weight (kg):
14. Identification of container/serial number:	15. Total number of packages:
	16. Type of packaging:
17. Processing establishment name, address (if different from exporter):	

<b>Zoo sanitary Attestations</b>	Certificate reference number:
<p>I the undersigned Official Veterinarian after due examination certify that the game trophies described above have been:</p> <p><b>18. For unmounted pickled game trophy hides and skins*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• subjected to a pickling process in a solution of salt and mineral acid at a pH equal to or less than 4; AND</li> <li>• packaged immediately after treatment in a manner so as to ensure that there is no subsequent contamination with untreated goods of similar nature.</li> </ul> <p><b>19. For unmounted irradiated game trophy hides and skins*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ irradiated with a minimum dose of 5 Mrad (50kGy) in a closed and sealed package; AND</li> <li>○ packaged immediately after treatment in a manner so as to ensure that there is no subsequent contamination with untreated goods of similar nature.</li> </ul> <p><b>20. For unmounted dried or salted game trophy hides and skins*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ dried, dry or wet salted, for at least 14 days if originating from a country or zone <b>free</b> from FMD (as per the <a href="#">MAF list of FMD free countries/zones</a>); OR</li> <li>○ dry or wet salted with salt containing 2% sodium carbonate for at least 28 days if originating from a country or zone <b>not free</b> from FMD;</li> </ul> <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ sourced from an area currently free from any outbreaks/epidemics of anthrax; OR</li> <li>○ treated to deactivate anthrax in accordance with the <a href="#">OIE Code</a></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">*Delete as appropriate</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>This certificate is valid for 4 months from the date of issue (unless revoked)</b></p> <p>Official Veterinarian:</p> <p>Name and address (in capital letters):</p> <p>Date:</p> <p>Official Position:</p> <p>Signature: </p>	




## Part F. Country Specific Agreed Veterinary Certificates

Agreed veterinary certificates are negotiated with prospective countries where alternative attestations are recognised as providing an equivalent level of protection for hides and skins exported to New Zealand. Where these have been negotiated the specific veterinary certificate attestations can be found below.

### European Union

1. Exporter: Name: Address:	2. Certificate reference number:
	3. Veterinary Authority:
4. Importer: Name: Address:	
5. Country of origin:	6. Zone or compartment of origin:
7. Country of destination:	
8. Port of departure:	9. Date of departure:
10. Means of transport: Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Ship <input type="checkbox"/>	11. Species derived from:
12. Description of commodity:	13. Net weight (kg):
14. Identification of container/serial number:	15. Total number of packages:
	16. Type of packaging:
17. Processing establishment name, address (if different from exporter):	

<b>Zoo sanitary Attestations</b>	Certificate reference number:
<p>21. I the undersigned Official Veterinarian after due examination certify that the animal products herein described:</p> <p>22. comply with the relevant European Union 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</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p>23. The animal product is eligible for intra-community trade without restriction.</p> <p><b>For game trophies, which have been exported into the European Union from a third country</b> and are subsequently eligible for export to New Zealand, the following additional declarations on the veterinary certificate must be attested to:</p> <p>24. The product described herein was derived/partly derived from product which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was imported into the European Union from.....(insert country of origin)</li> <li>• Was further stored, handled, processed, wrapped, and/or packaged in an establishment which is eligible to process product for the intra-community trade,</li> <li>• Originated in a third country/countries and establishment(s) listed by the European Community and is eligible for export to the European Union</li> </ul> <p>(A copy of the original import certificate is to be attached to the signed member state veterinary certificate. This copy is to be endorsed 'certified copy of original' by the official veterinarian).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>This certificate is valid for 4 months from the date of issue (unless revoked)</b></p> <p>Official Veterinarian:</p> <p>Name and address (in capital letters):</p> <p>Date:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Official Position:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Signature:</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>	

## Part G. Terms and Definitions

Import Health Standard Term	Definition
<b>Commercially prepared and packaged</b>	Products that have been manufactured in a commercial manner by a commercial enterprise and are packaged in tamper proof packaging.
<b>Fully tanned leather and leather goods</b>	Goods containing hides and skins that have undergone a full tanning process so that they are preserved from putrescence and are thermally stable. They can be jackets, shoes, lounge suites, or fully tanned game trophy hides/skins with fibre attached).
<b>MAF list of FMD free countries/zones</b>	A document listing the countries and/or zones that MAF recognise as free from Foot and Mouth Disease (see <a href="http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/pests/foot-n-mouth/fmd-free-countries-and-zones.pdf">http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/pests/foot-n-mouth/fmd-free-countries-and-zones.pdf</a> ).
<b>Manufacturer's declaration</b>	A document prepared by the manufacturer (taxidermist) on letterhead paper and signed by the quality manager or equivalent of the manufacturing premises. It must contain the correct statement/s as required by the import conditions, and be specific to the product and consignment.
<b>Mounted game trophy</b>	An animal of any species that has undergone a complete taxidermy process (professionally cleaned and processed by a taxidermist) thus ensuring it's preservation at ambient temperatures. These can be whole animals, heads of animals, and/or skulls/antlers mounted onto shields.
<b>Official veterinarian</b>	A veterinarian authorised by the Veterinary 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 Section 5.2 of the <a href="#">OIE Code</a> pertaining to principles of certification.
<b>OIE Code</b>	The World Organisation for Animal Health's Terrestrial Animal Health Code – available online at <a href="http://www.oie.int/international-standard-setting/terrestrial-code/access-online/">http://www.oie.int/international-standard-setting/terrestrial-code/access-online/</a>
<b>Rawhide articles and handicrafts</b>	Items containing hides and skins that have been cleaned, dried, and manufactured into articles and handicrafts (e.g. traditional drums, hunting shields). This includes cultural heritage items or items of cultural value that are used for performances or decorative purposes containing hides or skins.
<b>Unmounted game trophy</b>	The skulls, horns, hooves, antlers, bones, tusks, claws, teeth, hides, or skins of a wild animal taken as game from a hunting expedition that have not been fixed onto a mount. The item is to be further processed into a mounted animal trophy by a

	taxidermist for exhibition.
<b>Veterinary certificate</b>	A certificate, signed by an official veterinarian of the exporting country's competent authority, issued in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 5.2 of the <a href="#">OIE Code</a> .

## Part H. Revocation

This standard revokes the following standards:

- MAF Biosecurity Standard INETROIC.ALL: Ornamental animal products from all countries (7 December 2005)
- MAF Biosecurity Standard INETROIC.EEC: Mammalian game trophies from the European Community (29 September 2004)
- MAF Biosecurity Standard TROFURIC.AUS: Private consignments of un-tanned trophy fur skins from Australia (19 January 1998)