

IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO NEW ZEALAND OF MARINE FISH FOR PETFOOD FROM ALL COUNTRIES

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. 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 marine fish for petfood from all countries.

1.2 Obtaining biosecurity clearance for each consignment of marine fish for petfood imported into New Zealand is dependant 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 Directory of Animal Biosecurity.

2 IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 The costs of MAF in performing functions relating to the importation of marine fish for petfood 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

Biosecurity Clearance

As defined by the Biosecurity Act 1993.

Commercial Consignment

Refers to marine fish for petfood arriving in New Zealand intended for sale to the New Zealand public. Small quantities (i.e. approximately 20 kg or less) of petfood imported for private use or trade samples imported for evaluation are not considered to be commercial consignments.

Director of Animal Biosecurity

The Director of 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 of Animal Biosecurity.

Equivalence

Acceptance by the Director of Animal Biosecurity 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.

Inspector

As defined by the Biosecurity Act 1993.

MAF

The New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Marine Fish for Petfood

This refers to fresh, frozen or uncooked marine fish to be used as cat or dog food.

4 EQUIVALENCE

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

Importations of marine fish for petfood into New Zealand from all countries 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 INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED BY IMPORTER

For commercial consignments, the importer shall supply the following information:

- 6.1 name and address of exporter,
- 6.2 name and address of manufacturer,
- 6.3 description and type of product.

7 DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

For commercial consignments: a copy of the import health standard and all the required information, which must be in English or a bilingual (language of country of origin/English) form, must be presented by the importer when requesting clearance for the consignment to enter New Zealand.

8 ELIGIBILITY

The inspector must be satisfied that the marine fish has been imported for cat or dog food.

PART C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

9 BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

- 9.1 Upon arrival in New Zealand, the consignment or a sample of the consignment may be inspected by an Inspector at the port of arrival.
- 9.2 Providing that the consignment meets the conditions of ELIGIBILITY, 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

NONE REQUIRED

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