

# **IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO NEW ZEALAND OF MARINE FISH MEAL 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 meal from all countries.
- 1.2 Obtaining biosecurity clearance for each consignment of marine fish meal imported into New Zealand from all countries 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 DAB.

## **2 IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 2.1 The costs of MAF in performing functions relating to the importation of marine fish meal 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.

### **DAB**

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 the DAB 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.

### **freshwater fish**

Means any fish which spends all or part of its life cycle in freshwater and includes salmon and trout irrespective of whether the salmon or trout has been reared solely in a marine environment

### **Inspector**

As defined by the Biosecurity Act 1993.

### **MAF**

The New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

### **marine fish**

Means any fish which does not spend any part of its life cycle in freshwater.

## **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 Importations of marine fish meal 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 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. The Inspector may also inspect the consignment, or a sample of the consignment.
- 7.2 Providing that the documentation 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 documents are approved by MAF as being equivalent to the requirements of PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION, and are approved as model export certificates to accompany imports of marine fish meal into New Zealand when appropriately completed by a representative of the exporting country's government veterinary authorities:

## **9 MODEL ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION**

**COMMODITY:** MARINE FISH MEAL

**CERTIFYING AUTHORITY:**

Agency:

Department:

Country:

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

(i). Name/s and address/es of processing premises:

(ii). Processing premises registration number:

### **II. CONSIGNMENT DESCRIPTION**

(i). The commodity contained in this consignment is (describe form and packaging):

(ii). Amount (in kgs) of the consignment:

### **III. DESTINATION OF THE CONSIGNMENT**

(i). Name and address of New Zealand importer:

### **IV. ZOOSANITARY INFORMATION**

## MANUFACTURER DECLARATION

I, ....., being the manager of the factory where the marine fish meal identified in this Zoo-Sanitary Certificate has been manufactured, certify that:

- 9.1 The product is manufactured entirely from marine fish and does not contain any protein derived from ruminant animals.
- 9.2 During manufacture, the fish meal has been heat treated at a minimum core temperature of 85°C for 15 minutes.

Signature of *Manufacturer*:

Date:

- 9.3 After due enquiry, I have no reason to doubt the veracity of the Manufacturer's Declaration.

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 Zoo-Sanitary Certification.**