

IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO NEW ZEALAND OF SCOURED AND CARDED ANIMAL FIBRE FROM ALL COUNTRIES

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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 scoured and carded animal fibre from all countries.

- 1.2 Obtaining biosecurity clearance for each consignment of scoured and carded animal fibre 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 Director Animal Biosecurity.

2 IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 The costs of MAF in performing functions relating to the importation of scoured animal fibre 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

A clearance for goods to enter New Zealand.

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 the Director 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.

New Zealand Inspector

As defined by the Biosecurity Act 1993.

MAF

The New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Official Veterinarian

A civil service veterinarian or a specially appointed veterinarian, as authorised by the Veterinary Administration of the country.

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 scoured and carded animal fibre 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 ELIGIBILITY

Scoured and carded fibre from sheep, goats or camelids (e.g. wool, mohair, cashmere, alpaca fibre) is eligible for importation.

7 DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

- 7.1 The consignment shall be accompanied by appropriately completed health certification which meets the requirements of PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION.
- 7.2 Documentation shall be in English, but may be bilingual (language of exporting country/English).
- 7.3 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

8 BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 Providing that the documentation meets all requirements noted under PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION and 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

9 NEGOTIATED EXPORT CERTIFICATION

The following documents are approved to accompany imports of scoured and carded animal fibre into New Zealand from all countries when appropriately completed by a representative of the exporting country's competent authority:

10 MODEL ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

COMMODITY: SCoured AND CARDED ANIMAL FIBRE

CERTIFYING AUTHORITY:

Agency:

Department:

Country:

I. ORIGIN OF THE CONSIGNMENT

II. CONSIGNMENT DESCRIPTION

(i). The commodity contained in this consignment is:

III. DESTINATION OF THE CONSIGNMENT

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

IV. ZOOSANITARY INFORMATION

A Manufacturer's or a Fibre Certifier's declaration shall accompany the fibre

EITHER:

A. MANUFACTURER DECLARATION

I,, being the manager of the factory where the animal fibre identified in this Zoosanitary Certificate has been scoured, certify that:

1. The fibre has been subjected to aqueous scouring at 60-70° C.
2. After scouring, the fibre was: **EITHER**
 - 2.1 dyed, **OR**
 - 2.2 further washed in water for at least 1 minute at a temperature of not less than 75°C, **OR**
 - 2.3 dried at a minimum temperature of 70° C for at least 2 minutes.
3. After scouring, the fibre was processed to remove seeds and plant material by: **EITHER**
 - 3.1 carding and then combing, **OR**
 - 3.2 carding using a carding machine incorporating a high pressure crushing roller, **OR**
 - 3.3 acid carbonising.
4. The fibre was derived from live animals resident in the country of origin or from animals that had been slaughtered in the country of origin to produce meat for human consumption.

Signature of *Manufacturer*:

Name and address of processing plant:

Date:

OR:

B. FIBRE CERTIFIERS DECLARATION

I,, being a person with a minimum of one years processing experience in the wool industry and with an ability to recognise scoured fibre and scoured and carded fibre certify with respect to the animal fibre identified in this Zoosanitary Certificate that:

I have examined a representative sample from each bale of the consignment and certify that scouring and carding have been completed and the fibre is prepared for the next stage of processing.

Signature of *Fibre Certifier*:

Date

Name and Address of Office:

VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

I,, being an Official Veterinarian, certify with respect to the animal fibre identified in this Zoosanitary Certificate that after due enquiry:

1. I have no reason to doubt the veracity of the Manufacturer's or the Fibre Certifier's Declaration.
2. I am satisfied that the fibre was derived from live animals resident in the country of origin or from animals that had been slaughtered in the country of origin to produce meat for human consumption.

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 zoosanitary certification.

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