

IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION OF GUANO BASED FERTILISER INTO NEW ZEALAND

1. PERMIT TO IMPORT

- 1.1 Prior to importation, the importer is advised to apply for a permit to import, which authorises the importation of an animal product to New Zealand.

This permit is obtained from:

Chief Veterinary Officer
Ministry of Agriculture
P O Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand.

- 1.2 The importer shall supply the following information:

- name and address of manufacturer
- description and type of product

- 1.3 Attached to, and an integral part of the permit to import, is the current import health standard which describes the conditions under which the animal product may be imported to New Zealand.

2. REVIEW OF IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD

The import health standard may be reviewed and amended if there are changes in New Zealand's import policy, or the animal health status of the originating country, or for any other reason, at the discretion of the Chief Veterinary Officer.

3. DEFINITION OF TERMS

Guano: phosphate rock found in coastal areas, formed by the deposit of excrement from marine birds.

4. DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

- 4.1 The permit to import and all the required certification, which must be in English or a bilingual (language of specified country/English) form, must accompany the consignment to New Zealand.

- 4.2 When the permit to import is for a single consignment, the original permit to import, the import health standard, and all the required certification must accompany the consignment to New Zealand.

- 4.3 When the permit to import is for multiple consignments, a copy of the permit to import and import health standard, together with the required certification shall accompany the consignment to New Zealand.

5. IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

All costs associated with the importation, which include testing, treatment, transport, servicing and veterinary certification must be borne by the importer.

6. DISPENSATION APPLICATION

The attached health conditions have been agreed as being suitable for trade between the exporting and the importing countries. It is expected that the animal product will meet the conditions in every respect.

Occasionally it is found that, due to circumstances beyond the importer's control, the products do not comply completely with the requirements. In such cases an application for dispensation will be considered and issued at the discretion of the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture, but only if the following information is forwarded by the certifying authority:

- 6.1 which clause/s of the health requirements cannot be met and how this has occurred;
- 6.2 the reason the animal product is considered to be of an "equivalent health" status and/or what proposal is made to return the animal product to an equivalent health status as set-out in the health conditions;
- 6.3 the reasons why the certifying authority believe this proposal should be acceptable to the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and their recommendation for its acceptance.

7. ELIGIBILITY FOR IMPORTATION

If the fertiliser is packaged in bags weighing 50 kg or more, it must be registered with the Agricultural Compounds Unit, Ministry of Agriculture, PO Box 40063, UPPER HUTT.

8. MANUFACTURER'S DECLARATION

Each consignment must be accompanied by a declaration from the manufacturer which states that:

- 8.1 during processing, the product has been heat treated at a minimum temperature of 100°C for at least 1 minute.

9. BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

A Biosecurity Clearance will be issued provided the documentation is in order.

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