

# **IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO NEW ZEALAND OF ORGANIC BASED FERTILISERS FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

## **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 organic based fertilisers from the United States of America.

1.2 Obtaining biosecurity clearance for each consignment of organic based fertilisers imported into New Zealand from the United States of America 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 Director of Animal Biosecurity.

## **2 IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

2.1 The costs of MAF in performing functions relating to the importation of organic based fertilisers shall be recovered in accordance with the Biosecurity Act and any regulations made under that Act.

2.2 All costs involved with documentation, labelling, transport, storage and obtaining a biosecurity direction and/or biosecurity clearance shall be borne by the importer or agent.

2.3 The product must comply with the requirements of the Fertiliser Act 1982 of New Zealand administered by MAF.

2.4 The product must comply with the requirements of the Biosecurity (Ruminant Protein) Regulations 1999. Products containing ruminant protein, or any material from premises that render, produce or utilise ruminant protein must be labelled in accordance with clause (c)(ii) of the Biosecurity (Ruminant Protein) Regulations 1999.

## **3 DEFINITION OF TERMS**

### **organic based fertilisers**

Includes all pre-packaged fertilisers containing any of the following ingredients: blood meal, bone meal, poultry and fish hydrolysates.

### **biosecurity clearance**

As defined by the Biosecurity Act 1993.

### **Director of Animal Biosecurity**

The Director of Animal Biosecurity, New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture & 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.

### **MAF**

The New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry.

### **Official Veterinarian**

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

### **Veterinary Officer**

A registered veterinarian who is an inspector under the Biosecurity Act employed either by MAF or by a supplier contracted to provide services to MAF.

## **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 organic based fertilisers into New Zealand from United States of America 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 original health certification (which must be in English) which meets the requirements of PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION.

## **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 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**

### **8 NEGOTIATED EXPORT CERTIFICATION**

The following documents are recognised by MAF as equivalent to the requirements of PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION, and are approved to accompany imports of organic based fertilisers into New Zealand from the United States Of America when appropriately completed by a representative of the exporting country's competent authority:

## 9 MODEL ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

**COMMODITY:** ORGANIC BASED FERTILISERS

**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

9.1 The blood and bone meal used in the products was derived from cattle subjected to veterinary ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection at the time of slaughter.

9.2 The blood and bone meal used in the products originates from a government licensed slaughtering establishment that slaughters animals for human consumption, and that operates under government veterinary supervision.

9.3 After due enquiry, I have no reason to doubt 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 zoosanitary certification.**

## **10 MANUFACTURER DECLARATION**

10.1 Bone meal used in the organic based fertilisers has been subjected to a temperature of 120 degrees C for 4 hours.

10.2 Poultry hydrolysates used in the organic based fertilisers have been subjected to a temperature of 100 degrees C for 45 minutes.

10.3 Fish products used in the organic based fertilisers, are of marine origin.

Signature of Manager of Manufacturing Premises:

Date:

Name and address of office:

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