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## **Specified Foods for Human Consumption Containing Animal Products**

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## Introduction

This introduction is not part of the Import Health Standard, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

## Purpose

- (1) [This import health standard (IHS) specifies the minimum requirements that must be met when importing specified foods for human consumption containing animal products into New Zealand. ]

## Background

- (1) [The Biosecurity Act 1993 (the Act) provides the legal basis for excluding, eradicating and effectively managing pests and unwanted organisms.
- (2) Import health standards (IHSs) issued under the Act set out requirements to be met to effectively manage biosecurity risks associated with importing goods. They include requirements that must be met in the exporting country, during transit, and during importation before biosecurity clearance can be given.
- (3) This particular IHS sets out the minimum biosecurity requirements that must be met when importing specified foods for human consumption containing animal products into New Zealand. ]

## Who should read this Import Health Standard?

- (1) [Importers of animal products for human consumption and producers of animal products for human consumption for export to New Zealand should read this Import Health Standard. ]

## Why is this important?

- (1) [It is the importer's responsibility to ensure the requirements of this IHS are met. Consignments that do not comply with the requirements of this IHS may not be cleared for entry into New Zealand and/or further information may be sought from importers. Consignments that do not comply with the requirements of this IHS may be:
  - a) Re-shipped; or
  - b) Destroyed; or
  - c) Retained in quarantine under the Act prior to clearance or determination of equivalence.
- (2) Importers are liable for all associated expenses. ]

## Equivalence

- (1) [The Chief Technical Officer (CTO) may approve measures under section 27(1)(d) of the Act, different from those set out in this IHS, that may be applied to effectively manage risks associated with the importation of these goods. If an equivalent measure is approved a permit to import may be issued under section 24D(2) of the Act, if the Director-General considers it appropriate to do so.
- (2) Permit applications can be accessed here: <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/forms/imports-animal-products> ]

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## [Other information

- (1) This is not an exhaustive list of compliance requirements and it is the importer's responsibility to be familiar with and comply with all New Zealand laws.

### Food Act 1981 and Animal Products Act 1999

- (2) Commercial consignments imported into New Zealand for human consumption must comply with relevant requirements of the Food Act 1981 and the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code. Importers of food intended for sale for human consumption must be listed with MPI. These requirements are independent of the IHS requirements. Importers are advised to consult MPI's food safety website: <http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/industry/importing/>.
- (3) The importation of the following animal material or product must comply with the inspection requirements issued in Overseas Market Access Requirements (OMAR) 01/172 under the Animal Products Act 1999:
- a) Re-imported animal products or products containing animal product of New Zealand origin returned to New Zealand for domestic sale or use, or for re-export, and
  - b) Imported animal products or products containing animal product of foreign origin intended for export or further processing for export.
- (4) A prerequisite requirement of this OMAR is Biosecurity clearance. The inspection requirements can be found at: <http://foodsafety.govt.nz/industry/general/animal-products/omars/01-172.htm> or obtained from your local Verification Services office <http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/about/verification-agency/contact.htm>.

### The Customs Import Prohibition (Trout) Order 2000

- (5) The Customs Import Prohibition (Trout) Order 2000, administered by the New Zealand Customs Service, prohibits the importation of trout and trout products in quantities exceeding 10 kilograms, or in quantities of less than 10 kilograms if the goods are intended for sale except with the consent of, and subject to such conditions as may be imposed by the Minister of Conservation. Any consignment may be subject to inspection by an authorised person under the Customs and Excise Act 1996.

### Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)

- (6) The product must be accompanied by a permit to export where required by the legislation of the country of origin and CITES. The importer is advised to clarify the status of the species of origin of animal products in relation to international agreements on their trade, prior to export. Material arriving in New Zealand without a permit to export may be subject to seizure by the New Zealand Department of Conservation. ]

## **Part 1: General Requirements**

### **1.1 Definitions**

- (1) Refer to Schedule 1.

### **1.2 Eligibility**

- (1) This IHS applies to specified foods for human consumption containing animal products for import into New Zealand. Refer to Part 2 for product eligibility.

### **1.3 What countries this standard applies to**

- (1) Refer to Part 2 for country eligibility related to specific products.

### **1.4 The documentation that must accompany goods**

- (1) Manufacturer's declaration (where required by this standard) must:
- a) Be prepared by the manufacturer on letterhead paper.
  - b) Be signed and dated by the quality manager or equivalent.
  - c) Contain the correct statements as required by the import conditions.
- (2) All documents (where required by this standard) must:
- a) Accompany the imported goods.
  - b) Be in English or have an English translation that is clear and legible.

### **1.5 Biosecurity clearance**

- (1) A biosecurity clearance, under section 26 of the Act, may be issued when the product meets all the requirements of this IHS, provided the applicable requirements of the section 27 of the Act are met.

## Part 2: Specified Requirements for Identified Risk Organisms

### Guidance

- This import health standard does not apply to all foods for human consumption containing animal products. To obtain import requirements for other foods containing animal products, refer to the MPI website: <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/imports/ih-search.htm>

### 2.1 Retorted animal products other than fish

- (1) Private consignments of retorted animal product, other than fish may be imported from any country provided all of the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product is shelf-stable.
  - b) The product is commercially prepared and packaged.
  - c) The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.
  - d) The total weight of bone-in amphibian, avian or mammalian meat products is 2 kilograms or less.
- (2) Commercial consignments of retorted animal product, other than fish may be imported from any country provided all of the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product is shelf-stable.
  - b) The product is commercially prepared and packaged.
  - c) The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.
  - d) The consignment is accompanied by:
    - i) A manufacturer's declaration stating that the product has been subjected to a retort process of Fo3 or greater (refer to Schedule 2 for time and temperatures to achieve Fo3); or
    - ii) A government endorsed Manufacturer's Declaration stating that the product (may or may not be retorted) has been subjected to a heating process equivalent to Fo3 or greater.

### 2.2 Animal product-based floss, flavouring or stock

- (1) Animal product-based floss, flavouring or stock and any products containing animal product-based floss, flavouring or stock (for example: instant foods, camping mixes and soup mixes) may be imported from any country provided all of the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product is shelf-stable.
  - b) The product is commercially prepared and packaged.
  - c) The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.
  - d) The product does not require further cooking before consumption, but may require rehydration or reheating prior to consumption.
  - e) The total weight of private consignments of camping meals containing meat pieces is 1 kilogram or less.

### Guidance

- For commercial consignments of camping meals containing meat pieces see 2.22
- For commercial consignments containing bovine meat and bovine meat products, see Imported Food Requirements: Bovine Meat and Bovine Meat Products:  
[http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/elibrary/industry/Imported\\_Food\\_Requirements\\_Bovine-Sets\\_Clearance.pdf](http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/elibrary/industry/Imported_Food_Requirements_Bovine-Sets_Clearance.pdf)

## 2.3 Private consignments of meat and meat products

- (1) Private consignments of meat, meat products and meat products contained within casings may be imported from specified countries as per the following table provided all of the following requirements are met:
- The product is commercially prepared and packaged.
  - The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.
  - The country of origin is identifiable from the packaging.
  - The total weight of the consignment is 20 kilograms or less.
  - For meat products contained within casings, the country of origin and types of meat product within the casings are printed indelibly on the outside of the casing or the commercial packaging.

|                 | <b>Country</b>   |               |                                               |                           |            |                |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|----------------|
|                 | <b>Australia</b> | <b>Canada</b> | <b>European Union, Norway and Switzerland</b> | <b>Finland and Sweden</b> | <b>USA</b> | <b>Vanuatu</b> |
| <b>Pig</b>      | ✓                | N/A           | N/A                                           | ✓                         | N/A        | N/A            |
| <b>Beef*</b>    | ✓                | ✓             | ✓                                             | ✓                         | ✓          | ✓              |
| <b>Kangaroo</b> | ✓                | N/A           | N/A                                           | N/A                       | N/A        | N/A            |
| <b>Possum</b>   | ✓                | N/A           | N/A                                           | N/A                       | N/A        | N/A            |
| <b>Rabbit</b>   | ✓                | N/A           | N/A                                           | N/A                       | N/A        | N/A            |
| <b>Sheep</b>    | ✓                | N/A           | ✓                                             | ✓                         | N/A        | N/A            |
| <b>Goat</b>     | ✓                | N/A           | ✓                                             | ✓                         | N/A        | N/A            |
| <b>Deer</b>     | ✓                | N/A           | ✓                                             | ✓                         | N/A        | N/A            |

\* Beef refers to meat derived from cattle, bison or buffalo species, and inter-species crosses thereof.

N/A = Not applicable under this IHS

## 2.4 Pork crackling

- Private consignments of commercially prepared pork crackling may be imported from any country.
- Commercial consignments of pork crackling from any country must be accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration stating that the product has been subjected to a retort process of Fo3 or greater (refer to Schedule 2 for times and temperatures to achieve Fo3).

## 2.5 Private consignments of dried cured meat

- Private consignments of dried cured meat may be imported from any country provided all of the following requirements are met:
  - The product is shelf-stable.
  - The product is commercially prepared and packaged.
  - The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.
  - The total weight of the consignment is 1 kilogram or less.

Guidance

- Dried, cured meat includes but is not limited to beef jerky, turkey jerky, prosciutto, sou gan and biltong.

## 2.6 Private consignments of alligator and crocodile meat and meat products

- (1) Private consignments of alligator and crocodile meat and meat products may be imported from Australia and the United States of America provided all of the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product is shelf-stable.
  - b) The product is commercially prepared and packaged.
  - c) The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.
  - d) The country of origin is identifiable from the packaging.
  - e) The total weight of the consignment is 20 kilograms or less.

## 2.7 Private consignments of velvet from cervine animals

- (1) Private consignments of velvet from cervine animals may be imported from Australia, European Union, Finland, New Caledonia, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland provided all of the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product is commercially prepared and packaged.
  - b) The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.
  - c) The country of origin is identifiable from the packaging.
  - d) The total weight of the consignment is 1 kilogram or less.

## 2.8 Edible collagen products

- (1) Edible collagen products such as manufactured sausage casings and hydrolysed collagen used as dietary supplement may be imported from any country provided all of the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product is commercially prepared and packaged.
  - b) The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.

Guidance

- Natural sausage casings derived from the intestinal tract of animals are not eligible under this clause. Refer to separate import health standards: <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/ihs/search>

## 2.9 Private consignments of dairy products and products containing dairy ingredients that are not shelf-stable

- (1) Private consignments of dairy products and products containing dairy ingredients that are not shelf-stable may be imported from any country provided all the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product is commercially prepared and packaged.
  - b) The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.

- c) The country of origin is clearly indicated from the packaging.
- d) The product is not for biological or microbiological analysis.
- e) The total weight of the consignment is two (2) kilograms or less.

## **2.10 Shelf-stable dairy products, dairy samples and products containing dairy ingredients**

- (1) Shelf-stable dairy products, dairy samples and products containing dairy ingredients may be imported from any country provided all of the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product is shelf-stable.
  - b) The product is commercially prepared and packaged.
  - c) The product is:
    - i) In its original sealed packaging on arrival; or
    - ii) Less than 2.5 kilograms dry weight for dairy products such as nutritional supplements and infant formula that accompany passengers and crew for their own private use.

### **Guidance**

- Non-shelf stable dairy samples may be imported under the following import health standard:  
<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/ihsearch/0/bioprodic>

## **2.11 Private consignments of made-up dairy-based infant formula**

- (1) Private consignments of made-up dairy-based formula may be imported from any country provided all of the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product accompanies an infant.
  - b) The total volume of the product is 1 litre or less.

## **2.12 Private consignments of home-made ghee (clarified butter)**

- (1) Private consignments of home-made ghee (clarified butter) may be imported from Fiji provided the total weight of the consignment is 20 kilograms or less.

## **2.13 Private consignments of New Zealand origin meat, meat products, dairy products or egg products**

- (1) Private consignments of New Zealand origin meat, meat products, dairy products or egg products may be imported from any country provided all of the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product is commercially prepared and packaged.
  - b) The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.
  - c) New Zealand is clearly identifiable as the country of origin from the packaging.
  - d) The total weight of the consignment is 20 kilograms or less.

## **2.14 Confectionery, bread, biscuits, cakes, crackers and puddings containing dairy or egg ingredients**

- (1) Confectionery, bread, biscuits, cakes, cracker and puddings containing dairy or egg ingredients may be imported from any country provided the product has been baked and is shelf-stable (see 2.15 for mooncakes).

## **2.15 Commercially manufactured mooncakes containing whole egg**

- (1) Commercially manufactured mooncakes containing whole egg may be imported from any country provided all of the following requirements are met:
- a) The product is shelf-stable.
  - b) The product is commercially prepared and packaged.
  - c) The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.
  - d) The product does not contain any meat or meat product fillings.
  - e) The product:
    - i) Must be accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration stating that the product reached a core temperature greater than 60 degrees C for no less than 3.5 minutes for commercial consignments; or
    - ii) Private consignments are limited to ten (10) kilograms and do not require a manufacturer's declaration.

## **2.16 Cake, pudding, sauce or baking mixtures containing dairy or egg ingredients**

- (1) Cake, pudding, sauce or baking mixtures containing dairy or egg ingredients may be imported from any country provided all of the following requirements are met:
- a) The product is shelf-stable.
  - b) The product is commercially prepared and packaged.
  - c) The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.
  - d) The ingredients are evenly distributed throughout the mixture.

## **2.17 Private consignments of mayonnaise and salad dressings containing egg ingredients**

- (1) Private consignments of mayonnaise and salad dressings containing egg ingredients may be imported from any country provided all of the following requirements are met:
- a) The product is shelf-stable.
  - b) The product is commercially prepared and packaged.
  - c) The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.
  - d) The total weight of the consignment:
    - i) Is unlimited for products originating from Australia, Canada, the European Union, Japan or the United States; or
    - ii) Is 1 kilogram or less for products originating from all other countries.

#### Guidance

- Commercial consignments of mayonnaise and salad dressings must meet conditions specified in the Import Health Standard for Importing Shelf-Stable Spray Dried Egg Powders or Egg Crystals from Specified countries. (POUEGGIC.SPE)  
<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/imports/animals/standards/poueggic.spe.htm>

## 2.18 Pasta and noodles containing egg ingredients

- (1) Pasta and noodles containing egg ingredients may be imported from any country provided all of the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product is shelf-stable.
  - b) The product is commercially prepared and packaged.
  - c) The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.

## 2.19 Advocaat

- (1) Advocaat may be imported from any country provided all of the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product is commercially prepared and packaged.
  - b) The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.

## 2.20 Muscle protein powders containing dairy and/or egg ingredients

- (1) Muscle protein powders containing dairy and/or egg ingredients may be imported from any country providing the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product is shelf-stable.
  - b) The product is commercially prepared and packaged.
  - c) The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.
  - d) The ingredients are evenly distributed throughout the mixture.

## 2.21 Gelatine and gelatine products

- (1) Gelatine and gelatine products may be imported from any country provided all of the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product is commercially prepared and packaged.
  - b) The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.

## 2.22 Products containing less than 5% meat ingredients

- (1) Products containing less than 5% meat ingredients may be imported from any country provided all of the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product is shelf-stable.
  - b) The product is commercially prepared and packaged.
  - c) The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.
  - d) The product must be:
    - i) Accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration, which certifies that the product contains less than 5% meat ingredients; or
    - ii) In commercial packaging that states the product contains less than 5% meat ingredients.

## **2.23 Products containing less than 5% each of fish, dairy or egg ingredients**

- (1) Products containing less than 5% each of fish, dairy or egg ingredients must not contain meat ingredients, and may be imported from any country provided all of the following requirements are met:
- a) The product is commercially prepared and packaged.
  - b) The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.
  - c) The product must be:
    - i) Accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration which certifies that the product contains no meat ingredients and less than 5% each of fish ingredients, dairy ingredients, or egg ingredients; or
    - ii) In commercial packaging that states the product contains no meat ingredients and less than 5% each of fish ingredients, dairy ingredients, or egg ingredients.

## **2.24 Products containing more than 5% and less than 21% egg ingredients**

- (1) Products containing pasteurised egg in quantities greater than 5% and less than 21% may be given clearance provided that the following requirements are met:
- a) The product(s) must be accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration specifying that at any stage of the manufacturing process, the eggs must have undergone a minimum heat treatment of
    - i) 60 degrees Celsius for no less than 1 hour; or
    - ii) 80 degrees Celsius for no less than 10 minutes; or
    - iii) 100 degrees Celsius for no less than 5 minutes.

## **2.25 Private consignments of teabags containing honey**

- (1) Private consignments of dry tea bags containing honey powder may be imported from any country provided all of the following requirements are met:
- a) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
  - b) The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.
  - c) A maximum of one box (50 servings or less) per passenger is imported.

## Schedule 1 – Definitions and Acronyms

- (1) For the purposes of this standard, terms used that are defined in the Biosecurity Act 1993 have the meanings set out there. The following specific definitions also apply:

### **Animal Products**

Non-viable products derived from animals.

### **Animal By-Products**

Mechanically removed meat and other animal parts that remain after the skeletal muscle has been removed in dressing or trimming. Animal by-products include offal, fat and blood intended for human consumption.

### **Biosecurity Clearance**

A clearance under section 26 of the Act for the entry of goods into New Zealand.

### **Commercially Prepared and Packaged**

A product that has been manufactured in a commercial manner by a commercial enterprise and is packaged in tamper proof packaging.

### **Dairy Product**

Any product manufactured from the milk and/or cream of animals.

### **European Union**

European Union member countries.

### **Government Endorsed Manufacturer's Declaration**

Where this is required, a manufacturer's declaration must be endorsed by the applicable Government Authority of the exporting country. This endorsement must be signed and dated by a Government Officer, include the Government Officer's name and title, and be sealed with the stamp/seal of the applicable Government Authority.

### **Fo3**

Fo3 is a processing standard that specifies that the core temperature of the product has reached 121° Celsius for 3 minutes. (Refer to Part 4 for time-temperature combinations equivalent to Fo3).

### **Inspector**

A person who is appointed an Inspector under section 103 of the Act.

(Explanatory Note: An Inspector is appointed to undertake administering and enforcing the provisions of the Act and controls imposed under the Hazardous Substances and New Organism Act s97A(3), and the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species).

### **Manufacturer's Declaration**

A document that has been prepared by the manufacturer on letterhead paper, and is signed and dated by the quality manager or equivalent. It must contain the correct statement/s as required by the import conditions. For commercial consignments it must be specific to the product and consignment.

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### **Meat**

Skeletal muscle with naturally included or adherent tissue or bone. This definition excludes animal by-products and fish.

### **Meat Products**

This refers to products prepared from or with meat that has undergone treatment such that the cut surface shows that the product no longer has the characteristics of fresh meat.

### **Pacific Island Countries**

Refers to: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, Niue, Norfolk Island, Northern Mariana Islands, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Wallis & Fortuna.

### **Private Consignment**

A consignment imported as personal property and not for resale. Maximum sizes of private consignments are specified in the individual clauses of this standard.

### **Retorted**

Means heated in an unopened hermetically sealed container for a time, and to a temperature, by superheated steam under pressure (Fo3), sufficient to render any infectious material of a biosecurity concern inactivated. Retorted goods may be in cans, jars or pouches.

### **Shelf-Stable**

Not requiring refrigeration or freezing before opening.

### **Whole Egg**

Refers to mooncakes in section 2.15; whole egg means all of the egg (with or without shell) or parts of the egg that are not distributed evenly throughout the mooncake mixture.

## Schedule 2 – Time and Temperature

- (1) Equivalent time and temperature parameters to 121° Celsius for 3 minutes (Fo3) require the product has been processed to/greater than one of the following minimum core temperature and time parameters:

|                                    |                                    |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 110 degrees Celsius for 40 minutes | 124 degrees Celsius for 3 minutes  |
| 111 degrees Celsius for 32 minutes | 125 degrees Celsius for 2 minutes  |
| 112 degrees Celsius for 25 minutes | 126 degrees Celsius for 1 minute   |
| 113 degrees Celsius for 20 minutes | 127 degrees Celsius for 46 seconds |
| 114 degrees Celsius for 16 minutes | 128 degrees Celsius for 37 seconds |
| 115 degrees Celsius for 13 minutes | 129 degrees Celsius for 29 seconds |
| 116 degrees Celsius for 11 minutes | 130 degrees Celsius for 23 seconds |
| 117 degrees Celsius for 9 minutes  | 131 degrees Celsius for 18 seconds |
| 118 degrees Celsius for 7 minutes  | 132 degrees Celsius for 15 seconds |
| 119 degrees Celsius for 6 minutes  | 133 degrees Celsius for 12 seconds |
| 120 degrees Celsius for 5 minutes  | 134 degrees Celsius for 9 seconds  |
| 121 degrees Celsius for 3 minutes  | 135 degrees Celsius for 7 seconds  |
| 122 degrees Celsius for 3 minute   | 136 degrees Celsius for 6 seconds  |
| 123 degrees Celsius for 3 minutes  |                                    |

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