



Import Health Standard

Specified Foods for Human Consumption Containing Animal Products

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TITLE

Import Health Standard: Specified Foods for Human Consumption Containing Animal Products

COMMENCEMENT

This Import Health Standard comes into force on 30 October 2020.

REVOCATION

This revokes and replaces the import health standard for:

- *Specified Foods for Human Consumption Containing Animal Products EDIPROIC.ALL, 25 June 2020*

ISSUING AUTHORITY

This Import Health Standard is issued under section 24A of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

Dated at Wellington, 30 October 2020.

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Introduction

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

Purpose

This IHS specifies the minimum requirements that must be met when importing specified foods for human consumption containing animal products into New Zealand.

Background

The Biosecurity Act 1993 (the Act) provides the legal basis for excluding, eradicating and effectively managing pests and unwanted organisms.

Import health standards 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.

Who should read this Import Health Standard?

This IHS applies to importers of animal products for human consumption and producers of animal products for human consumption for export to New Zealand.

Why is this important?

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.

Importers are liable for all associated expenses.

Equivalence

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.

Permit applications can be accessed here: [Animal Products Permit Application](#)

Document History

Refer to Schedule 1.

Other information

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 2014 and Animal Products Act 1999

Consignments of food imported for sale into New Zealand for human consumption must comply with relevant requirements of the Food Act 2014, the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code, and the Animal Products Act 1999.

The Food Act 2014 requires that importers of food intended for sale for human consumption are registered with MPI prior to the importation of any food into New Zealand. This requirement is independent of the IHS requirements. Importers are advised to consult MPI's website: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/food/> for information on the Food Act requirements that importers must meet to import food for sale in New Zealand.

Some imported foods known as High Regulatory Interest (HRI) foods and Increased Regulatory Interest (IRI) foods, will require food safety clearance on arrival. These foods include beef and beef products, some seafood products and cheese. A full list of these foods can be found in the Schedules to the [Food Notice: Importing Food](#). A food safety clearance will include a documentation check and may include inspection, sampling and testing at the importers cost.

The importation of the following animal material or product must comply with the requirements issued in Overseas Market Access Requirements (OMAR) 01/172 under the Animal Products Act 1999:

- a) Imported animal material or product, or product containing animal material or product, that is of New Zealand origin and has been returned to New Zealand for re-export where official assurance is required, and
- b) Imported animal material or product of foreign origin intended for export or further processing for export where official assurance is required.

OMAR 01/172 requires that the above is inspected. To arrange for an inspection under the OMAR 01/172, contact your primary verifier or local MPI Verification Services Office.

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Other relevant IHSs must also be complied with before biosecurity clearance will be issued. These may include but are not limited to the following:

- a) Containers made of timber must meet the requirements of the following: [IHS: Wood Packaging Material from All Countries](#)

Part 1: General Requirements

1.1 Application

- (1) This IHS applies to specified foods for human consumption containing animal products for import into New Zealand (refer to commodity details in Part 2).

1.2 Definitions

- (1) For the purposes of this IHS, terms used that are defined in the Act have the meanings set out there. The Act is available at the following website: <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/>.
- (2) See Schedule 2 for additional definitions that apply.

1.3 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 section 27 of the Act are met.

Part 2: Specified Requirements for Foods for Human Consumption Containing Animal Products

Guidance for Part 2

- This IHS 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://mpi.govt.nz/law-and-policy/requirements/import-health-standards/>

2.1 Shelf-stable dairy products, dairy samples and products containing dairy ingredients

- (1) Commercial consignments of shelf-stable dairy products, dairy samples and products containing dairy ingredients may be imported from any country.

Guidance for section 2.1

- Non-shelf stable dairy samples may be imported under the following [*IHS: Biological Products \(Including Samples\)*](#)
- Dairy samples for microbiological enrichment and analysis must be imported under the following [*IHS: Microorganisms from All Countries*](#)

Schedule 1 – Document History

Date First Issued	Title	Shortcode
February 2002	Specified Foods for Human Consumption Containing Animal Products	EDIPROIC.ALL
Date of Issued Amendments	Title	Shortcode
30 June 2015	Specified Foods for Human Consumption Containing Animal Products	EDIPROIC.ALL
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16 October 2017	Specified Foods for Human Consumption Containing Animal Products – Guidance Box	EDIPROIC.ALL
20 October 2017	Specified Foods for Human Consumption Containing Animal Products – Guidance Box	EDIPROIC.ALL
26 March 2018	Specified Foods for Human Consumption Containing Animal Products – Guidance Box	EDIPROIC.ALL
15 January 2019	Specified Foods for Human Consumption Containing Animal Products	EDIPROIC.ALL
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Schedule 2 – Definitions

Animal Products

Non-viable products derived from animals.

Dairy Product

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

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Shelf-Stable

A product is shelf-stable if:

- a) The product has been commercially manufactured.
- b) The product has been packaged by the manufacturer.
- c) The product is in that package.
- d) The package has not been opened or broken.
- e) The product:
 - i) Is able to be stored in the package at room or ambient temperature.
 - ii) Does not require refrigeration or freezing before the package is opened.