

IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR POULTRY FEATHER MEAL AND PRODUCTS CONTAINING POULTRY FEATHER MEAL FOR ANIMAL FEEDING FROM AUSTRALIA

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The information in this import health standard is in four parts:

Part A. GENERAL INFORMATION describes the legal basis for this import health standard and the general responsibilities of the importer.

Part B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE outlines whether a permit is required, the conditions of eligibility, and documentation that may need to accompany the consignment.

Part C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE describes the clearance requirements at the New Zealand border and, if necessary, whether the consignment must go to a transitional facility or containment facility.

Part D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION contains model health certification which must be completed fully and accompany the consignment to New Zealand.

Part D. APPENDIX A: Equivalent time/temperature combinations.

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 poultry feather meal and products containing poultry feather meal for animal feeding from Australia.
- 1.2 To obtain biosecurity clearance the consignment must meet the requirements of this import health standard.

2 IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 It is the importers responsibility to ensure that they are compliant with the current relevant import health standard at the time of importation. Current versions of import health standards are available [online](#). A register of import health standards is also publicly available for inspection at the office of the Director-General of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Pastoral House, 25 The Terrace, Wellington, New Zealand.
- 2.2 The costs to [MAF Biosecurity New Zealand](#) in performing functions relating to the importation of feather meal or products containing feather meal from Australia must be recovered in accordance with the Biosecurity Act and any regulations made under that

Act. All costs involved with documentation, transport, storage and obtaining a biosecurity clearance must be covered by the importer or agent.

3 DEFINITION OF TERMS

Biosecurity clearance

A clearance under section 26 of the Biosecurity Act (1993) for the entry of goods into New Zealand. (Explanatory Note: Goods given a Biosecurity Clearance by an Inspector are released to the importer without restriction).

MAFBNZ

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Biosecurity New Zealand.

OIE Code

The World Animal Health Organisation *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*.

4 EQUIVALENCE

The import health standard has been agreed as suitable for trade between the exporting and the importing countries. It is expected that the consignment will meet the conditions in every respect.

Occasionally it is found that, due to circumstances beyond the control of the importer or exporter, a consignment does not comply with this import health standard. In such cases, an application for equivalence may be considered, equivalence granted and a permit to import issued at the discretion of MAF Biosecurity New Zealand, but only if the following information is forwarded by the certifying government's veterinary authority:

- which clause/s of the import health standard cannot be met and how this has occurred;
- the reason the consignment is considered to be of an "equivalent health" status;
- the reasons why the veterinary authority of the country of origin believe this proposal should be acceptable to the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and their recommendation for its acceptance.

PART B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE

5 PERMIT TO IMPORT

5.1 Importations of feather meal and products containing feather meal for animal feed into New Zealand from Australia require a permit to import prior to export to New Zealand from Australia.

5.2 Application for a permit to import must be made prior to the proposed date of importation in writing to:

6 ELIGIBILITY

- 6.1 Animal foods intended for production animals with poultry feather meal as an ingredient are permitted entry, provided that the product contains **no** other ingredient of ruminant origin.
- 6.2 Feathers used for processing into feather meal must originate from poultry kept in premises in Australia.

7 DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

- 7.1 All consignments must be accompanied by a copy of the multiple entry permit and an original zoosanitary certificate as per Part D. The zoosanitary certification must be in English, but may be bilingual (language of exporting country/English).
- 7.2 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 authority and/or clearance or rejection of consignments.

PART C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

8 BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE AND AUTHORITY

- 8.1 Upon arrival in New Zealand any 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 for products that require further processing 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 direction pursuant to section 25 of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

9 NEGOTIATED EXPORT CERTIFICATION

- 9.1 The following documents are recognised by MAFBNZ as equivalent to the

requirements of PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION and they are approved to accompany imports of feather meal and products containing feather meal for animal feeding from Australia into New Zealand when appropriately completed by a representative of the Australian competent authority:

9.2 MODEL ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

Commodity: Feather meal/products containing feather meal

Exporting Country: Australia

Certifying Authority: Australian Veterinary Authority

PART I: DETAILS OF DISPATCHED CONSIGNMENT

I. Origin of the consignment

I.1. Name and address of exporter (consignor):

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I.2. Name/s and address/es of the processing plant for this consignment:

....., Australia

II. Description of the consignment

II.1. The commodity contained in this consignment is identified as:

II.2. Total quantity (in kilograms) of the consignment:

II.3. Type of packaging:

II.4. Total number of packages (units):.....

II.5. Identification of container/seal number:

III. Transport to New Zealand

III.1. Place of shipment and date of departure from Australia:.....

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III.2. Means of transport: seafreight airfreight

IV. Destination of the consignment

IV.1. Name and address of importer:

....., New Zealand

IV.2. Expected port of arrival:

....., New Zealand

PART II. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

I. Model Veterinary Certificate

I, undersigned Official Veterinarian from the Australian Veterinary Authority certify that:

1. To the best of my knowledge, I have no reason to doubt the accuracy of the Manufacturer's Declaration.

2. The feathers used for processing into feather meal for this consignment originate from birds that were kept in premises and slaughtered in a plant both located in a country/zone/compartiment free from Notifiable Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease.
3. The feather meal or products containing feather meal were processed in a country/zone/compartiment free from Notifiable Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease (if processing plant different from slaughtering plant stated in point 2 above).

Official Veterinarian:

Name (in capital letters):

Date:

Signature:

Stamp:

II. Manufacturer's Declaration

I, being the manager of the factory where the feathers were processed into feather meal for animal feeding, certify that:

1. during processing the feather meal or the product containing feather meal has been subjected to:
 - i) a core temperature of at least 100^o C for 25 minutes

OR

 - ii) a core temperature of at least^o C for minutes
(insert one equivalent time-temperature, as listed in Part E. APPENDIX A)
2. the processed feather meal or products containing feather meal for export to New Zealand were kept separated from any poultry feathers, feather meal or products containing feather meal that were not of equivalent zoosanitary status.

Manufacturer:

Name (in capital letters):

Address:

Date:

Signature:

PART E: APPENDIX A

EQUIVALENT TIME-TEMPERATURE COMBINATIONS

Commodities that were not subjected to a core temperature of at least 100°C for 25 minutes may still be eligible for import under this import health standard provided one of the following equivalent time-core temperature combinations was applied and stated in the Zoosanitary Certification accompanying the consignment.

Core temperature (°C)	Minimum time (minutes)
80	1364
85	500
90	184
95	68
105	10
110	4
115	2
120	1