

# **IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO NEW ZEALAND OF FROZEN RABBIT MEAT AND MEAT BY-PRODUCTS FOR PET FOOD FROM AUSTRALIA**

## **USER GUIDE**

The information in MAF 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 that 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 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 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.

## **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 frozen rabbit meat and meat by-products for pet food from Australia.

1.2 Obtaining biosecurity clearance for each consignment of frozen rabbit meat and meat by-products for pet food imported into New Zealand from Australia is dependent 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 Animal Biosecurity.

## **2 IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

2.1 The costs to MAF in performing functions relating to the importation of frozen rabbit meat and meat by-products for pet food shall be recovered in accordance with the Biosecurity Act and any regulations made under that Act.

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

2.3 Once the consignment has been cleared for entry, it is the importer's responsibility to ensure that the consignment complies with requirements under the Meat Act (1981). A set of guidelines outlining these responsibilities may be obtained by writing to: Import Management, Animal Biosecurity, Biosecurity Authority, Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry, P O Box 2526, Wellington, NEW ZEALAND.

## **3 DEFINITION OF TERMS**

*Biosecurity Clearance:* as defined by the Biosecurity Act 1993.

*Director Animal Biosecurity:* the Director Animal Biosecurity, New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, or any person who for the time being may lawfully exercise and perform the power and functions of the Director Animal Biosecurity.

*Equivalence:* acceptance by MAF 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.

*Inspector:* as defined by the Biosecurity Act 1993.

*MAF:* the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

*Meat and meat by-products (also known as "co-products"):* this refers to any item imported for further processing into pet food. Such items may include meat, offal, heads, feet etc.

## **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**

Importation into New Zealand of frozen rabbit meat and meat by-products for pet food from Australia 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 ELIGIBILITY**

During transport to New Zealand, any offals must have been frozen to -18°C.

### **7 DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT**

The consignment shall be accompanied by an appropriately completed original health certificate, which must be in English, and that meets the requirements of PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION.

## **PART C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE**

### **8 BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE**

8.1 Upon arrival in New Zealand the documentation accompanying the consignment shall be inspected by an Inspector at the port of arrival.

8.2 Providing that the documentation meets all requirements noted under PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION and the consignment meets the conditions of section 6. 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**

### **9 NEGOTIATED EXPORT CERTIFICATION**

The following document is approved by MAF as being equivalent to the requirements of PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION, and is approved as a model export certificate to accompany imports of frozen rabbit meat and meat by-products for pet food into New Zealand from Australia when appropriately completed:

## 10 MODEL ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

**COMMODITY:** FROZEN RABBIT MEAT AND MEAT BY-PRODUCTS FOR PET FOOD

**CERTIFYING AUTHORITY:**

Agency:

Department:

Country: AUSTRALIA

### 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

10.1 The products are of Australian origin.

10.2 The products originate from a government licensed establishment that processes animals for human consumption, and that operates under government supervision.

10.3 The products are derived from animals which were subjected to post-mortem inspection.

10.4 The products are suitable for use in animal foods according to Australian regulations.

Signature of Authorised Officer:

State/Territory Meat Industry Authority:

Date:

Name and address of office:

**N.B. Official stamp of the meat industry authority of the exporting state/territory must be applied to all pages of zoosanitary certification.**

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