



Ornamental Products of Animal Origin

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About this document

This guidance document contains information about acceptable ways of ensuring compliance with the requirements in the *Import Health Standard (IHS): Ornamental Products of Animal Origin*

Any guidance on how to comply with the applicable requirements may not be the only way to achieve compliance. Stakeholders are encouraged to discuss departures from the approaches outlined in this guidance document with the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) to avoid expending resources on the development of alternative approaches which may later be considered unsuitable.

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Related requirements

Consignments of product imported under the *IHS: Ornamental Products of Animal Origin* should also comply with the [Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora](#) (CITES). These requirements are independent of the import health standard requirements.

Change history

Refer to Appendix 1.

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1 Purpose

- (1) This guidance document has been issued to accompany the *IHS: Ornamental Products of Animal Origin*. This guidance document should be read in conjunction with that standard.
- (2) This document includes:
 - a) Countries with MPI-approved exporting systems to import ornamental products of animal origin into New Zealand;
 - b) A model veterinary certificate;
 - c) Negotiated country specific sample veterinary certificates.

2 Background

- (1) The *IHS: Ornamental Products of Animal Origin* which this Guidance Document accompanies, contains generic import requirements. These are the rules to manage the biosecurity risk of importing ornamental products of animal origin from all countries that can meet the requirements of the IHS and in doing so meet New Zealand's appropriate level of protection. The generic IHS serves as the basis for country-to-country (bilateral) negotiations. This Guidance Document contains a model veterinary certificate and the bilaterally-agreed veterinary certification for trade in ornamental products of animal origin. This country-specific veterinary certificate represents what will be certified prior to exporting consignments of ornamental products of animal origin from the country specified.

3 Definitions

- (1) Please see Appendix 2 of the *IHS: Ornamental Products of Animal Origin* for definitions and acronyms.

4 Guidance

4.1 Equivalence

- (1) MPI's preference is that the exporting country's Competent Authority makes equivalence requests. Equivalence requests can be lodged with animalimports@mpi.govt.nz
- (2) MPI may accept an alternative method, system or process that can be shown to achieve the biosecurity requirements of the IHS (i.e. equivalence).
- (3) Note that a permit to import is not required to import ornamental products of animal origin into New Zealand.
- (4) A permit may be required where specific equivalence measures are approved by MPI as per the equivalence clause in the IHS. A permit to import serves as evidence of equivalence decisions and will be written as specific notes in the special conditions section of the permit.
- (5) Permit to import application forms can be found on the MPI website at: <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/imports/animals/forms>.
- (6) Completed applications are lodged with animal imports animalimports@mpi.govt.nz.

4.2 Incorporation of material by reference

- (1) Incorporation by reference means that standards, guidelines or lists are incorporated into the IHS and they form part of the requirements. This is done because technical documents are too large or impractical to include in the IHS.
- (2) Where the IHS states that section 142O(1) of the Biosecurity Act (the Act) does not apply, this means that importers need to refer to the most recent version of any standards, guidelines or lists that are incorporated by reference in the IHS.

4.3 Inspection/verification

- (1) On arrival, all documentation accompanying the consignment will be verified by an inspector. The inspector may also inspect the consignment, or a sample of the consignment on arrival.
- (2) Inspectors are able to inspect and verify due to their authorised powers under the Act.
- (3) Products that do not meet the requirements of the standard will be authorised for treatment, reshipment or destruction. Importers are therefore advised to comply with the standard so as to avoid any delays or extra costs incurred as a result of non-compliance.
- (4) Where products imported under this standard are authorised for treatment this will occur on arrival, or at an approved transitional facility in accordance with the MPI Standard for Approved Biosecurity Treatments.
- (5) These requirements are independent of the IHS requirements.

4.4 Agreed country specific veterinary certificates

- (1) All country-specific veterinary certificates agreed between an exporting country's Competent Authority and MPI are included in the table below:

Country	Link to certificate	S27 CTO direction #	Date agreed	Date applicable for use
European Union	See clause 7.2			

- (2) Country-specific veterinary certificates with equivalent measures will be recorded with a number relevant to a Chief Technical Officer (CTO) direction under section 27(1)d(iii) of the Act, to enable border staff to clear the goods and record the number in the MPI database.
- (3) When a newly negotiated country-specific veterinary certificate replaces one which is currently in use, the application of new import conditions will apply according to the dates listed in the table. At that time previous veterinary certificates for that country can no longer be used.

5 Specified requirements for risk organisms

- (1) The risk management requirements for identified risk organisms are outlined in Part 3 of the IHS using the general format:
 - a) Specific product(s) that the measures relate to
 - b) Measures required to minimise risk
 - c) Country, zone or compartment freedom

5.1 Specific guidance

- (1) Importers of game trophy hides and skins (and rawhide products) should be aware of the risks of anthrax when handling these items. Although there is a very low risk of anthrax spores being present, inspectors are advised to always wear gloves when handling these items. The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has published a reference document containing useful questions and answers – see <http://www.cdc.gov/anthrax/>
- (2) With the exception of specified unmounted game trophies, all ornamental products of animal origin are required to be free of adherent fat, muscle, sinew, blood, extraneous organic material, pest infestation, and evidence of decay (see clause 3.1 of the IHS).

5.1.1 Blown eggs

- (1) Blown eggs that are professionally prepared and/or sealed in display cases are eligible for inspection to clause 3.1 of the IHS.

5.1.2 Coral

- (1) Coral that is non-viable and dry is eligible for inspection to clause 3.1 of the IHS.
- (2) Live coral can be imported under the MPI Import Health Standard for Ornamental Fish and Marine Invertebrates.
- (3) Importers should ensure that coral meets CITES requirements.

5.1.3 Egg shell ornaments

- (1) Egg shell ornaments that are professionally prepared and/or sealed in display cases are eligible for inspection to clause 3.1 of the IHS.

5.1.4 Fly-tying material containing animal skin/hair

- (1) Fly-tying material that is dyed is eligible for inspection to clause 3.1 of the IHS.

5.1.5 Fully tanned leather and leather goods

- (1) Fully tanned leather goods including jackets, wallets, belts, shoes and lounge suites are not risk goods.
- (2) **Game trophy hides and skins** that are processed, and are smooth, clean and dry with the quality expected of a commercially produced sheepskin rug, can be assumed to be fully tanned, and are eligible for inspection to clause 3.1 of the IHS.
- (3) **Finished game trophies** including whole animals, heads of animals (with or without antlers), and skulls (with or without antlers/horns) that are assessed by the inspector as being professionally taxidermied can be assumed to be fully tanned so are eligible for inspection to clause 3.1 of the IHS.
- (4) Small birds and long tailed animals that are assessed by the inspector as being professionally taxidermied can be assumed to include small bones (skull, tail and wing bones) and be fully tanned so are eligible for inspection to clause 3.1 of the IHS.
- (5) Bear skins with paws and claws attached, and bison skins with muzzles etc that are assessed by an inspector as being professionally taxidermied can be assumed to be fully tanned and are eligible for inspection to clause 3.1 of the IHS.

5.1.6 Manufactured articles derived from horn, bone, beak, tusk and tooth

- (1) This includes curios, buttons, jewellery, paper knives, etc. Professionally prepared (polished and unpolished) items are eligible for inspection to clause 3.1 of the IHS.

5.1.7 Marine ornaments

- (1) Shells and shell ornaments that are clean and dry are eligible for inspection to clause 3.1 of the IHS.
- (2) Importers should ensure that shells meet CITES requirements.

5.1.8 Rawhide articles and handicrafts

- (1) Includes traditional drums, hunting shields, cultural heritage items or items of cultural value that are used for performances or decorative purposes containing hides or skins.
- (2) If the complete surface area is not visible for inspection to clause 3.1 of the IHS, the item will be treated, reshipped, or destroyed.

5.1.9 Dried or salted mammalian game trophy hides and skins

- (1) If no veterinary certificate is offered, or if the certificate does not conform, then the items may be treated on arrival.
- (2) Importers are advised that MPI has limited facilities for treatment for these items. Importers should contact the local MPI office where they will be presented <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/contact>

5.1.10 Unmounted game trophies

- (1) If the item has not been cleaned and processed to a high standard of whiteness, or a correct manufacturer's declaration is not offered, then the items may be treated on arrival.
- (2) Importers are advised that MPI has limited facilities where treatments can be conducted for these items so should contact the local MPI office where they will be presented. See <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/contact>

6 Model Manufacturer's Declaration

Must be on Company Letterhead (please include full name and address details):

(1) Importer (client) details:

(2) Full description of commodity (i.e. species derived from, specific parts of animal)

(3) Total number of packages

(4) Type of packaging

(5) Processing information:

The products described above have been:

- a) Boiled at a minimum of 100°C for at least 30 minutes; and
- b) Processed so that all adherent tissues have been completely removed; and
- c) Packaged immediately after treatment in a manner so as to ensure that there is no subsequent contamination with untreated goods of similar nature.


Signed: _____

Dated: _____

7 Model Veterinary Certificate

7.1 Generic model veterinary certificate


Country:		
Certificate reference number:		
Competent authority:		
Part I: Details of dispatched consignment	1. Importer name (consignee): Address:	2. Exporter name (conosignor): Address:
	3. Country of destination: New Zealand	4. Country of origin:
	5. Port of departure:	6. Place of origin: Name: Address:
	7. Date of departure:	
	8. Means of transport: <input type="checkbox"/> Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Ship	
	9. Description of commodity:	
	10. Net weight in kilograms (kgs):	11. Number of packages:
	12. Nature of packaging:	13. Nature of goods:
	14. Name and official approval number(s) of establishment(s): Address:	15. Number of the container(s) and container seal number(s):
	16. Commodities intended for use:	
	17. Species product derived from:	

Zoo sanitary Attestations	Certificate reference number:
<p>I the undersigned Official Veterinarian after due examination certify that the game trophies described above have been:</p> <p>(1) For unmounted pickled game trophy hides and skins</p> <p>a) subjected to a pickling process in a solution of salt and mineral acid at a pH equal to or less than 4; and</p> <p>i) packaged immediately after treatment in a manner so as to ensure that there is no subsequent contamination with untreated goods of similar nature.</p> <p>(2) For unmounted irradiated game trophy hides and skins</p> <p>a) irradiated with a minimum dose of 5 Mrad (50kGy) in a closed and sealed package; and</p> <p>i) packaged immediately after treatment in a manner so as to ensure that there is no subsequent contamination with untreated goods of similar nature.</p> <p>(3) For unmounted dried or salted game trophy hides and skins (delete as appropriate)</p> <p>a) dried, dry or wet salted, for at least 14 days if originating from a country or zone free from FMD (as per the MPI list of FMD free countries and zones); or</p> <p>b) dry or wet salted with salt containing 2% sodium carbonate for at least 28 days if originating from a country or zone not free from FMD; and</p> <p>i) sourced from an area currently free from any outbreaks/epidemics of anthrax; or</p> <p>ii) treated to deactivate anthrax in accordance with the OIE Code</p>	
<p>Official Veterinarian:</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Signature:</p> <p>Official Position:</p> <p>Date:</p> <div data-bbox="1050 1146 1254 1346" style="text-align: center;">  <p>Official stamp/seal</p> </div>	

7.2 Country specific agreed veterinary certificates

- (1) Agreed veterinary certificates are negotiated with prospective countries where alternative attestations are recognised as providing an equivalent level of protection for hides and skins exported to New Zealand. Where these have been negotiated the specific veterinary certificate attestations can be found below.

European Union	
(1) Exporter: Address:	(2) Certificate reference number:
	(3) Veterinary Authority:
(4) Importer: Address:	
(5) Country of origin:	(6) Zone or compartment of origin:
(7) Country of destination: New Zealand	
(8) Port of departure:	(9) Date of departure:
(10) Means of transport: <input type="checkbox"/> Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Ship	(11) Species derived from:
(12) Description of commodity:	(13) Net weight (kg):
(14) Identification of container/serial number:	(15) Total number of packages:
	(16) Type of packaging:
(17) Processing establishment name, address (if different from exporter):	

Zoo sanitary Attestations	Certificate reference number:
<p>I the undersigned Official Veterinarian after due examination certify that the animal products herein described:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Comply with the relevant European Union animal health/public health standards and requirements which have been recognised as equivalent to New Zealand standards and requirements as prescribed in Council Decision 97/132/EC, as last amended, specifically, in accordance with: Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009; and (2) The animal product is eligible for intra-community trade without restriction. <p>For game trophies, which have been exported into the European Union from a third country and are subsequently eligible for export to New Zealand, the following additional declarations on the veterinary certificate must be attested to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (3) The product described herein was derived/partly derived from product which: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Was imported into the European Union from.....(insert country of origin) b) Was further stored, handled, processed, wrapped, and/or packaged in an establishment which is eligible to process product for the intra-community trade, c) Originated in a third country/countries and establishment(s) listed by the European Community and is eligible for export to the European Union <p>(A copy of the original import certificate is to be attached to the signed member state veterinary certificate. This copy is to be endorsed 'certified copy of original' by the official veterinarian).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This certificate is valid for 4 months from the date of issue (unless revoked)</p>	
<p>Official Veterinarian:</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Address (in capital letters):</p> <p>Signature:</p> <p>Official Position:</p> <p>Date:</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>	