



Risk Management Proposal

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**Pig Meat and Pig Meat Products from
Australia**

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1 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to:

- Show how options for the management of risk organisms have been assessed.
- Provide recommendations for import requirements.

2 Background

There is an existing import health standard (IHS) for pig meat and pig meat products from Australia (MEAPORIC.AUS, dated 23 May 2000).

It is proposed that this IHS is updated in accordance with the requirements and guidance programme (RGP).

Additionally, it is proposed that the draft IHS includes third country pig meat products; namely, products that are processed in Australia, using imported pig meat or pig meat product. See *discussion of third country products in section 6 below*.

The imported pig meat and pig meat product can only be sourced from Canada, European Union (EU) or United States of America (USA), and meet the requirements in the relevant IHSs for those countries.

The relevant IHSs for the source countries are:

- [Pig meat and pig meat products for human consumption from Canada and/or the United States of America](#), MEAPORIC.NAM dated 18 March 2011
- [Pig meat and pig meat products for human consumption from the European Union](#), MEAPORIC.EU dated 18 March 2011.

The requirements in the draft IHS reflect the import conditions in the existing IHSs for pig meat and pig meat products. The update has assessed the risks associated with pig meat and pig meat products from Australia, and considers these risks to be effectively managed.

3 Objective

The objective is to effectively manage biosecurity risks associated with the import of pig meat and pig meat products from Australia consistent with New Zealand's domestic legislation and international obligations.

4 Commodity definition

- (1) For the purposes of the IHS, pig meat and pig meat products are derived from domestic and wild pigs of the species *Sus scrofa*.
- (2) Meat is defined as all edible parts of an animal, and includes skeletal muscle meat, blood, offal, fat and bone.
- (3) Commodities derived from pig meat and pig meat products such as composite products (where the pig meat is a component of the product) will be eligible for import as long as all the ingredients in the product meet the requirements of their respective IHSs.

5 Considerations for specific requirements

- (1) Under the current IHS for Australia, pig meat and pig meat products are eligible for importation if the following are met:

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- a) The products shall be identifiable as being product originating from Australia and/or New Zealand;
 - b) The products shall be commercially packed in the original unopened packaging. Full containers of meat shall be sealed;
 - c) The products may be derived from domestic pigs or wild pigs;
 - d) Edible offal must have been frozen to -18°C during transport to New Zealand.
- (2) The current IHS does not require veterinary certification for Australian origin pig meat and pig meat products. Similarly, for the draft IHS, no certification is proposed for Australian origin pork.

6 Third country products

- (1) Third country products refer to pig meat and pig meat products that originated in a country other than Australia and/or New Zealand, and were imported into Australia, where they were repackaged or further processed, before export to New Zealand.
- (2) Further processing means:
- a) the product was cooked in an Australian facility¹; or
 - b) the product was imported from a third country, and subsequently transferred to a processed food manufacturer and made into another product (e.g. heat and eat meal such as a pizza).
- (3) The imported pig meat and pig meat products are sourced from countries approved by MPI to export pig meat and pig meat products to New Zealand directly, and meet the requirements in the relevant import health standards for those countries. The source countries are Canada, EU and USA.
- (4) The third country pig meat products must meet the following import requirements for New Zealand:
- a) Country or zone disease freedom (e.g. foot and mouth disease, African swine fever and classical swine fever); and/or
 - b) Cooked or cured.
- (5) Cooking and curing parameters described in the pig meat and pig meat products IHSs for the EU and Canada/USA are risk mitigation measures for porcine respiratory and reproductive syndrome (PRRS) virus. These requirements must be met in Australia prior to export to New Zealand. PRRS measures are not required for pig meat derived from pigs from Australia or New Zealand as PRRS is not present in these countries.