



Pig Meat and Pig Meat Products from Australia

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Import Health Standard: DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION Pig Meat and Pig Meat Products from Australia

COMMENCEMENT

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REVOCATION

This Import Health Standard revokes and replaces the following:

- a) *Import Health Standard for the Importation into New Zealand of Pig Meat and Meat Products for Human Consumption from Australia, MEAPORIC.AUS, 23 May 2000*

ISSUING AUTHORITY

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

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Introduction

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

Purpose

This IHS specifies the minimum requirements that must be met when importing pig meat and pig meat products from Australia 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 before biosecurity clearance can be given.

Guidance boxes are included within this IHS for explanatory purposes. The guidance included in these boxes is for information only and has no legal effect.

Who should read this Import Health Standard?

This IHS should be read by importers of pig meat and pig meat products from Australia.

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 re-shipped or destroyed under the Act or tested/treated in accordance with this IHS prior to release or equivalence determined. Importers are liable for all associated expenses.

The costs to MPI in performing functions relating to the importation of pig meat and pig meat products will be recovered in accordance with the Act and any regulations made under the Act. All costs involved with documentation, transport, storage and obtaining a biosecurity clearance must be covered by the importer or agent.

Equivalence

The Chief Technical Officer (CTO) may issue a direction under section 27(1)(d) of the Act that measures different from those set out in this IHS may be applied to effectively manage risks associated with the importation of these goods.

If an equivalent measure is approved, an import permit may be issued under section 24D(2) of the Act if the Director-General considers it appropriate to do so. The details of the CTO direction on equivalence will be included as notes in the special conditions section of the permit to inform the inspector's assessment of the commodity.

MPI's preference is that the exporting country's Competent Authority makes equivalence requests. Equivalence requests can be lodged with animal.imports@mpi.govt.nz.

Inspection

On arrival, all documentation accompanying the consignment will be verified by an inspector.

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, and the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code and the Animal Products Act 1999.

Importers of food intended for sale for human consumption must be registered with MPI. These requirements are independent of the IHS requirements. Importers are advised to consult MPI's website:

<http://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing>

Import Health Standards

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*](#)

Harmonised System (HS) Codes

The harmonised system is an international product numbering classification developed by the World Customs Organisation (WCO). The New Zealand harmonised system is found here: <http://aria.stats.govt.nz/aria/>

Animal products imported using this IHS will be under one of the following HS Codes.

HS Code	Commodity Description
0203	Meat of swine; fresh, chilled or frozen
0206	Edible offal of bovine animals, swine, sheep, goats, horses, asses, mules or hinnies; fresh, chilled or frozen
0209	Pig fat, free of lean meat, and poultry fat, not rendered or otherwise extracted, fresh chilled frozen, salted in brine, dried or smoked
0210	Meat and edible met offal; salted, in brine, dried or smoked; edible flours and meals of meat and meat offal
1602	Of swine: hams, shoulders and cuts thereof; preserved in airtight cans and jars

Trade Single Window (TSW)

All goods imported into New Zealand need to be cleared by the New Zealand Customs Service (Customs) and the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI). This is achieved by lodging required documentation in through the Trade Single Window (TSW) portal.

For more information about TSW please visit <https://www.customs.govt.nz/business/trade-single-window/>

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Part 1: Requirements

1.1 Application

- (1) This IHS applies to all imports from Australia of pig meat and pig meat products derived from domestic or wild pigs (*Sus scrofa*).

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 <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/>.
- (2) See Schedule 2 for additional definitions that apply.

1.3 Requirements for clearance

- (1) In order to obtain biosecurity clearance, pig meat and pig meat products of Australian or New Zealand origin must:
 - a) Be identifiable as being product originating from Australia or New Zealand; and
 - b) Be commercially packed in the original unopened packaging. Full containers of meat must be sealed; and
 - c) Edible offal must have been frozen to -18°C during transport to New Zealand.
- (2) In order to obtain biosecurity clearance, **third country pig meat products** must:
 - a) Meet the requirements of clause 1.4 of *Part 1: Requirements*; and
 - b) Meet the requirements of *Part 2: Specified Requirements for Identified Risk Organisms*; and
 - c) Be accompanied by an import permit where required by clause 1.5(1); and
 - d) Be accompanied by a veterinary certificate that meets the requirements of clause 1.6, has been agreed by the CTO, and details the measures in Part 1 and Part 2 that exporting country must meet.

1.4 Third country product

- (1) Where pig meat products for export to New Zealand originate from a country other than Australia or New Zealand, the product must meet the definition of **third country pig meat products** in this IHS.

1.5 Import permit information

- (1) An import permit under section 24D of the Act is required if a CTO has approved an equivalent measure prior to import, different from that set in this IHS that may be applied to effectively manage risks.
- (2) An import permit under section 24D of the Act is not required where a CTO has issued a direction under section 27(1)(d) of the Act approving an equivalent measure that is different from that set in this IHS during negotiation of a country-specific veterinary certificate, and the equivalent measure is incorporated into that certificate.

Guidance

- Completed applications can be submitted to Animal Imports animal.imports@mpi.govt.nz
Application forms can be found on the MPI website at: [Permit to Import Animal Products](#)

1.6 The documentation that must accompany goods

- (1) The consignment must arrive in New Zealand with the documentation that is specified in, and meets the requirements of, clauses 1.6.1 to 1.6.3 below.
- (2) All documentation that is required by this clause 1.6 to accompany pig meat products must, unless otherwise stated:
 - a) Be original.
 - b) Accompany the imported goods.
 - c) Be in English or have an English translation that is clear and legible.
 - d) Be endorsed:
 - i) on every page by the Official Veterinarian with their original stamp, signature and date; or
 - ii) in the space allocated, where all pages have paper-based alternative security features.

1.6.1 Import permit

- (1) An import permit (copy acceptable) if required by clause 1.5(1).

1.6.2 Veterinary certificate

- (1) A veterinary certificate from the Competent Authority of Australia, if required by clause 1.3. The veterinary certificate must include the following:
 - a) A unique consignment identifier.
 - b) The description, source species, and amount of product.
 - c) Name and address of the importer (consignee) and exporter (consignor).
 - d) Name, signature and contact details of the Competent Authority's Official Veterinarian.
 - e) Certification and endorsement by the Competent Authority that the pig meat products meet the requirements outlined in *Part 1: Requirements*.
 - f) Certification and endorsement by the Competent Authority that the relevant requirements outlined in *Part 2: Specified Requirements for Identified Risk Organisms* of this IHS have been met.

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Part 2: Specified Requirements for Identified Risk Organisms

- (1) **Third country pig meat products** must comply with the following measures for identified risk organisms.

2.1 Porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome (PRRS) virus

- (1) Pig meat products must be treated prior to importation to New Zealand by cooking to achieve one of the following a minimum core temperature and time parameters:

Core temperature (°C)	Minimum time (minutes)
56	60
57	55
58	50
59	45
60	40
61	35
62	30
63	25
64	22
65	20
66	17
67	15
68	13
69	12
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Schedule 1 – Document History

Date First Issued	Title	Shortcode
23 May 2000	Import Health Standard: for the Importation into New Zealand of Pig Meat and Meat Products for Human Consumption from Australia	MEAPORIC.AUS
Date of Issued Amendments	Title	Shortcode
TBD	Import Health Standard: Pig Meat and Pig Meat Products from Australia	MEAPORIC.AUS

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Schedule 2 – Definitions

Commercially Prepared and Packaged

A product that has been manufactured in a commercial environment by a commercial enterprise and is packaged and labelled in sealed containers or in tamper proof packaging and is intended for retail or wholesale. This does not include home-made products.

Competent Authority

The Veterinary or other Governmental Authority of an OIE Member, that has the responsibility and competence for ensuring or supervising the implementation of animal health and welfare measures, international veterinary certification and other standards and recommendations in the *Code* in the whole territory.

Director-General

The chief executive of the Ministry for Primary Industries.

Meat

All edible parts of an animal. This includes skeletal muscle meat, blood, offal, fat and bone.

MPI

Ministry for Primary Industries, New Zealand.

Official Veterinarian

A veterinarian authorised by the Competent Authority of the country to perform certain designated official tasks associated with animal health and/or public health and inspections of commodities and, when appropriate, to certify in conformity with the provisions of the OIE *Code* Chapter for certification procedures.

OIE

The World Organisation for Animal Health.

The Code

The OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* as found on the OIE website.

Third Country Pig Meat Products

Third country pig meat products mean products that originated in the European Union, United States of America or Canada, and were imported into Australia, where they are repackaged or further processed, before export to New Zealand. The imported pig meat and pig meat products meet the requirements in the relevant import health standard for the country of origin.

Veterinary Certificate

A certificate, issued in conformity with the provisions of the *Code* Chapter for certification procedures, describing the animal health and/or public health requirements which are fulfilled by the exported commodities.

Schedule 3 – Model veterinary certificate

(1) Below is a model official certificate for trade in pig meat products. This model meets the requirements of the IHS.

Part 1: Details of the dispatched consignment	1.1. Consignor (Exporter): Name: Address:	1.2. Certificate reference number:
		1.3. Competent Authority:
	1.4. Consignee (Importer): Name: Address:	
	1.5. Country of origin: ISO Code*	1.6. Zone or compartment of origin:**
	1.7. Country of destination: ISO Code*	1.8. Zone or compartment of destination:**
	1.9. Place of origin: Name: Address:	
	1.10. Place of shipment:	1.11. Date of departure:
	1.12. Means of transport: <input type="checkbox"/> Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Ship Identification:	1.13. Expected border post:
		1.14. CITES permit No(s):**
	1.15. Description of commodity:	1.16. Commodity Code (ISO Code*):
		1.17. Total number of:
	1.18. Temperature of commodities for transport:	1.19. Total number of packages:
1.20. Identification of container/serial number:	1.21. Type of packaging:	
1.22. Identification of commodity: <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic pigs (<i>Sus scrofa</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Wild pigs (<i>Sus scrofa</i>)		

*Optional **If referenced in Part 2

Part 2: Veterinary Information	Country:	Certificate reference number:
	<p>I, the undersigned Official Veterinarian, certify that the pig meat products described above satisfy the following requirements:</p> <p>Commodity eligibility</p> <p>(1) The pig meat and pig meat products are imported into Australia from <insert applicable country: Canada, European Union, or United States of America> and further processed in Australia.</p> <p>Specified requirements for identified risk organisms</p> <p>(2) Porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus</p> <p>Pig meat and pig meat products have been cooked to achieve one of the following a minimum core temperature and time parameters:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">56°C for 60 minutes; 57°C for 55 minutes; 58°C for 50 minutes; 59°C for 45 minutes; 60°C for 40 minutes; 61°C for 35 minutes; 62°C for 30 minutes; 63°C for 25 minutes; 64°C for 22 minutes; 65°C for 20 minutes; 66°C for 17 minutes; 67°C for 15 minutes; 68°C for 13 minutes; 69°C for 12 minutes; 70°C for 11 minutes.</p>	
<p>Official Veterinarian</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Email:</p>		<p>Signature:</p> <p>Date:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[Official Veterinarian signature, Official stamp and date]</p>