



Import Health Standard

Pig Meat and Pig Meat Products from Australia

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Import Health Standard: Pig Meat and Pig Meat Products from Australia

COMMENCEMENT

This Import Health Standard comes into force on [Effective Date]

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.
 - b) Be commercially packed in the original unopened packaging.
 - c) Full containers of meat must be sealed.
 - d) 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.
 - b) Be commercially manufactured and packaged.
 - c) Meet the requirements of *Part 2: Specified Requirements for Identified Risk Organisms*.
 - d) Be accompanied by an import permit where required by clause 1.5.
 - e) Be accompanied by an official letter that meets the requirements of clause 1.6.

Guidance for 1.3(2)

- Third country canned/retorted pork products and processed products containing less than 5% pork from Australia can be imported under the clauses 2.1 and 2.7.1, respectively, of the IHS: *Specified Animal Products*.

1.4 Third country pig meat products

- (1) Where pig meat products for export to New Zealand originate from a country other than Australia or New Zealand, third country pig meat products must have:
 - a) Originated in the European Union, United States of America or Canada.
 - b) Met the specified requirements for identified risk organisms in the IHS for pig meat and pig meat products from the country of origin.
 - c) Been imported and released from biosecurity control in Australia, before export to New Zealand.

Guidance for 1.4

- The IHSs for the European Union, United States of America and Canada can be found here:
 - [*Pig Meat and Pig Meat Products for Human Consumption from the European Union*](#)
 - [*Pig Meat and Pig Meat Products for Human Consumption from Canada and/or the United States of America*](#)

- Compliance with clause 1.4 will be verified by the provision of an official letter provided by the Competent Authority of Australia.

1.5 Import permit information

- (1) An import permit under section 24D of the Act is required if, prior to import, a CTO has issued a direction under section 27(1)(d) of the Act approving an equivalent measure, different from that set in this IHS, that may be applied to effectively manage risks.

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 1.6.2 below.
- (2) All documentation that is required by this clause 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 an Authorised Officer of the Australian Competent Authority 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.

1.6.2 Official letter

- (1) An official letter from the Australian Competent Authority, if required by clause 1.3. The official letter must include the following:
- a) Product description and amount of product.
 - b) Name and address of exporter (consignor).
 - c) Name, signature and contact details of the Authorised Officer for the Australian Competent Authority.
 - d) Endorsement by an Authorised Officer of the Australian Competent Authority that the pig meat products meet the requirements outlined in *Part 1: Requirements* and *Part 2: Specified Requirements for Identified Risk Organisms* of this IHS.

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 processed prior to importation to New Zealand by either cooking or curing as outlined below:
- a) 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
70	11

- b) curing to one of the following curing procedures where the product has:
- i) reached a pH equal to or less than 5;
 - ii) been fermented (lactic curing) to a pH equal to or less than 6 and age-cured/ripened for at least 21 days;
 - iii) qualified for official certification by the Competent Authority as Prosciutto di Parma or has been cured for 12 months.

Schedule 1 – Document History

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Schedule 2 – Definitions

Commercially Manufactured 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 OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health 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 Letter

An assurance, issued by the Australian Competent Authority, describing the pork product that has been imported into Australia and released from biosecurity control.

OIE

The World Organisation for Animal Health.

Third Country Pig Meat Products

As referred to in clause 1.4 of this IHS.

Released from Biosecurity Control

Means a product that has been imported into Australia and given biosecurity clearance by the Competent Authority of Australia. The product may or may not be further processed prior to export to New Zealand.

Schedule 3 – Model Official Letter

- (1) Below is an official letter for proof of origin for trade in third country pig meat products from Australia.

This letter describes the third country pork product that has been imported by *<insert company name and address>*, and released from biosecurity control in Australia. Australian import requirements for the import of pork products from third countries meet New Zealand's biosecurity requirements. Third country pork products have been cooked or cured to meet New Zealand's import requirements for porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus.

The imported component of this product was imported on *<insert day month year>* and originated from *<insert applicable country: Canada, European Union or United States of America>*. The details of the consignment are as follows:

Product description and quantity (kg):

Import permit number:

Establishment number of Australian facility (if applicable):

Process dates (if applicable):

This product is being exported to New Zealand on container number: _____, departing on *<insert day month year>*.

As a representative of the Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment, I confirm to the best of my knowledge the above is true and correct.

Authorised Officer

Name:

Address:

Email:

Signature:

Date:

[Authorised Officer signature,
Official stamp and date]