



Specified Foods for Human Consumption Containing Animal Products

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- *Specified Foods for Human Consumption Containing Animal Products, 30 June 2015*

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Introduction

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

Purpose

This IHS specifies the minimum requirements that must be met when importing specified foods for human consumption containing animal products 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 during importation before biosecurity clearance can be given.

Who should read this Import Health Standard?

This IHS applies to importers of animal products for human consumption and producers of animal products for human consumption for export to New Zealand.

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:

- a) Re-shipped; or
- b) Destroyed; or
- c) Retained in quarantine under the Act prior to clearance or determination of equivalence.

Importers are liable for all associated expenses.

Equivalence

The Chief Technical Officer (CTO) may approve measures under section 27(1)(d) of the Act, different from those set out in this IHS, that may be applied to effectively manage risks associated with the importation of these goods. If an equivalent measure is approved a permit to import may be issued under section 24D(2) of the Act, if the Director-General considers it appropriate to do so.

Permit applications can be accessed here: [Animal Products Permit Application](#)

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

Commercial consignments imported into New Zealand for human consumption must comply with relevant requirements of the Food Act 2014, and the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code. Importers of food intended for sale for human consumption must be listed with MPI.

- a) Import of animal products intended for human consumption containing bovine/beef are restricted and may require a food safety permit. To obtain a food safety permit clearance, either email the completed [Food Safety Clearance Application](#) to imported.food@mpi.govt.nz, or complete a [Trade Single Window](#) lodgement.
- b) These requirements are independent of the IHS requirements. Importers are advised to consult MPI's website: <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/food/meat/steps-to-importing/>

The importation of the following animal material and animal product must comply with the inspection requirements issued in Overseas Market Access Requirements (OMAR) 01/172 under the Animal Products Act 1999:

- a) Re-imported animal products or products containing animal product of New Zealand origin returned to New Zealand for domestic sale or use, or for re-export, and
- b) Imported animal products or products containing animal product of foreign origin intended for export or further processing for export.

A prerequisite requirement of this OMAR is biosecurity clearance. To arrange for inspection of any animal material or animal product, contact your primary verifier or local MPI Verification Services Office.

Animal products intended for human consumption containing bovine/beef may require a food safety permit. To obtain a food safety permit clearance, either email the completed [Food Safety Clearance Application](#) to imported.food@mpi.govt.nz, or complete a [Trade Single Window](#) lodgement.

The Customs Import Prohibition (Trout) Order 2015

The Customs Import Prohibition (Trout) Order 2015, administered by the New Zealand Customs Service, prohibits the importation of trout and trout products in quantities of 10 kilograms or more, or in quantities of less than 10 kilograms if the goods are intended for sale except with the consent of, and subject to such conditions as may be imposed by the Minister of Conservation. Any consignment may be subject to inspection by an authorised person under the Customs and Excise Act 1996.

Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)

The product must be accompanied by a permit to export where required by the legislation of the country of origin and CITES. The importer is advised to clarify the status of the species of origin of animal products in relation to international agreements on their trade, prior to export. Material arriving in New Zealand without a permit to export may be subject to seizure by the New Zealand Department of Conservation.

Part 1: General Requirements

1.1 Application

- (1) Specified foods for human consumption containing animal products may be imported into New Zealand from specified countries (refer to commodity details in Part 2).

1.1.1 Eligibility

- (1) This IHS applies to specified foods for human consumption containing animal products for import into New Zealand (refer to commodity details in Part 2).

1.2 Incorporation by reference

- (1) The following MPI material is incorporated by reference in this IHS under section 142M of the Act:
 - a) MPI list of *FMD-Free Countries / Zones*.
- (2) Under section 142O(3) of the Act it is declared that section 142O(1) does not apply, that is, a notice under section 142O(2) of the Act is not required to be published before material that amends or replaces the above list has legal effect as part of these documents.

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

1.4 The documentation that must accompany goods

- (1) A manufacturer's declaration (where required by this IHS) must:
 - a) Be prepared by the manufacturer on letterhead paper.
 - b) Be dated within the last 12 months.
 - c) Be signed and dated by the quality manager or equivalent.
 - d) Contain the correct statements as required by the import conditions stated in this IHS.
- (2) All documents (where required by this IHS) must:
 - a) Accompany the imported goods.
 - b) Be in English or have an English translation that is clear and legible.

1.5 Biosecurity Clearance

- (1) A biosecurity clearance, under section 26 of the Act, may be issued when the product meets all the requirements of this IHS, provided the applicable requirements of section 27 of the Act are met.

Part 2: Specified Requirements for Identified Risk Organisms

Guidance for Part 2

- This IHS does not apply to all foods for human consumption containing animal products. To obtain import requirements for other foods containing animal products, refer to the MPI website: <http://mpi.govt.nz/law-and-policy/requirements/import-health-standards/>

2.1 Retorted animal products

- (1) Private consignments of retorted animal product may be imported from any country provided all of the following requirements are met:
 - a) The product is shelf-stable.
 - b) The total weight of bone-in amphibian, avian or mammalian meat products is 2 kilograms or less.
- (2) Commercial consignments of retorted animal product may be imported from any country provided all of the following requirements are met:
 - a) The product is shelf-stable.
 - b) The consignment is accompanied by:
 - i) A manufacturer's declaration stating that the product has been subjected to a retort process of Fo3 or greater (refer to Schedule 3 for time and temperatures to achieve Fo3); or
 - ii) A government-endorsed manufacturer's declaration stating that the product (may or may not be retorted) has been subjected to a heating process equivalent to Fo3 or greater.

Guidance for section 2.1

- Commercial consignments containing bovine meat and bovine meat products, see [Food Notice: Imported Food](#).
- Consignments containing edible bird's nest will be inspected.
- Edible bird's nest may be instant or natural. Retort requirements apply to instant bird's nest. Natural bird's nest that is fresh, dry or raw are not retorted.

2.2 Animal product-based floss, flavouring or stock

- (1) Animal product-based floss, flavouring or stock and any products containing animal product-based floss, flavouring or stock (for example: instant foods, camping mixes and soup mixes) may be imported from any country provided all of the following requirements are met:
 - a) The product is shelf-stable.
 - b) The product does not require further cooking before consumption, but may require rehydration or reheating prior to consumption.
 - c) The total weight of private consignments of camping meals containing meat pieces is 1 kilogram or less.

Guidance for section 2.2

- Commercial consignments containing bovine meat and bovine meat products, see [Food Notice: Imported Food](#).
- Commercial consignments of camping meals containing meat pieces see section 2.21.

2.3 Private consignments of meat and meat products

- (1) Private consignments of meat and meat products may be imported if they have been manufactured in specified countries as per the following table and all of the following requirements are met:
- The product is commercially prepared and packaged.
 - The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.
 - The country of manufacture is identifiable from the packaging.
 - The total weight of the consignment is 20 kilograms or less.

	Country of Manufacture			
	Australia	Canada and USA	European Union, Switzerland and Norway	Vanuatu and Japan
Pork	✓	-	Finland and Sweden only	-
Beef *	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kangaroo	✓	-	-	-
Possum	✓	-	-	-
Rabbit	-	-	✓	-
Lamb/mutton	✓	-	✓	-
Goat	✓	-	✓	-
Venison	✓	-	✓	-

* Beef refers to meat derived from cattle, bison or buffalo species, and inter-species crosses thereof.

2.4 Pork crackling

- Private consignments of shelf stable pork crackling may be imported from any country.
- Commercial consignments of pork crackling from any country must be accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration stating that the product has been subjected to a heating process of Fo3 or greater (refer to Schedule 3 for times and temperatures to achieve Fo3).

2.5 Private consignments of cured meat

Important information for importers

CTO 2017 014 [B] gives direction to replace the *MPI List of Foot & Mouth Disease (FMD) Free Countries* with the **OIE List of FMD Free Member Countries** for clearance of specified products.
<http://www.oie.int/en/animal-health-in-the-world/official-disease-status/fmd/list-of-fmd-free-members/>

For the purposes of this IHS, FMD free includes countries listed in these sections:

- FMD free where vaccination is not practised; and
- FMD free where vaccination is practised.

It does not include these sections:

- FMD free zone where vaccination is not practised; or
- FMD free zone where vaccination is practised.

- (1) Private consignments of cured meat products manufactured in FMD-free countries (refer to the MPI [FMD-Free Countries / Zones](#).) may be imported provided all of the following requirements are met:
- a) The product is manufactured in an FMD-free country (country of manufacture must be clearly stated on the package label).
 - b) The total weight of the consignment is 1 kilogram or less.

Guidance for section 2.5

- Cured meat includes but is not limited to beef jerky, turkey jerky, prosciutto, salami and biltong.

2.6 Private consignments of alligator and crocodile meat and meat products

- (1) Private consignments of alligator and crocodile meat and meat products may be imported from Australia and the United States of America provided all of the following requirements are met:
- a) The product is shelf-stable.
 - b) The country of origin is identifiable from the packaging.
 - c) The total weight of the consignment is 20 kilograms or less.

2.7 Private consignments of velvet from cervine animals

- (1) Private consignments of velvet from cervine animals may be imported from Australia, European Union and New Caledonia, provided all of the following requirements are met:
- a) The product is shelf stable.
 - b) The country of origin is identifiable from the packaging.
 - c) The total weight of the consignment is 1 kilogram or less.

2.8 Edible collagen products

- (1) Edible collagen products such as manufactured sausage casings and hydrolysed collagen used as dietary supplement may be imported from any country provided the product is shelf stable.

Guidance for section 2.8

- Natural sausage casings derived from the intestinal tract of animals are not eligible under this clause. Refer to separate IHS: <http://mpi.govt.nz/law-and-policy/requirements/import-health-standards/>

2.9 Private consignments of dairy products and products containing dairy ingredients that are not shelf-stable

- (1) Private consignments of dairy products and products containing dairy ingredients that are not shelf-stable, including dairy-based infant formula and whey protein muscle powder, may be imported from any country provided both of the following requirements are met:

- a) The product is not for biological or microbiological analysis.
- b) The total weight of the consignment is 2 kilograms or less.

Guidance for section 2.9

- See 2.19 for muscle protein powders containing egg albumin.

2.10 Shelf-stable dairy products, dairy samples and products containing dairy ingredients

- (1) Shelf-stable dairy products, dairy samples and products containing dairy ingredients may be imported from any country.

Guidance for section 2.10

- Non-shelf stable dairy samples may be imported under the following [IHS: Biological Products \(Including Samples\)](#)
- Dairy samples for microbiological enrichment and analysis must be imported under the following [IHS: Microorganisms from All Countries](#)

2.11 Private consignments of home-made ghee (clarified butter)

- (1) Private consignments of home-made ghee (clarified butter) may be imported from Fiji provided the total weight of the consignment is 20 kilograms or less.

2.12 Private consignments of New Zealand origin meat, meat products, dairy products or egg products

- (1) Private consignments of New Zealand origin meat, meat products, dairy products or egg products may be imported from any country provided all of the following requirements are met:
 - a) The product is commercially prepared and packaged.
 - b) The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.
 - c) New Zealand is clearly identifiable as the country of origin from the packaging.
 - d) The total weight of the consignment is 20 kilograms or less.

2.13 Confectionery, bread, biscuits, cakes, crackers and puddings containing dairy or egg ingredients

- (1) Confectionery, bread, biscuits, cakes, crackers and puddings containing dairy or egg ingredients may be imported from any country provided the product is:
 - a) Shelf-stable (see 2.14 for mooncakes); or
 - b) A private consignment.

2.14 Commercially manufactured mooncakes containing whole egg

- (1) Commercially manufactured mooncakes containing whole egg may be imported from any country provided all of the following requirements are met:
 - a) The product is shelf-stable.

- b) The product does not contain any meat or meat product fillings.
- c) The product:
 - i) Is a private consignment limited to a maximum of 10 kilograms; or
 - ii) Is a commercial consignment accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration stating that the product reached a core temperature greater than 60°C for no less than 3.5 minutes.

2.15 Cake, pudding, sauce or baking mixtures containing dairy or egg ingredients

- (1) Cake, pudding, sauce or baking mixtures containing dairy or egg ingredients may be imported from any country provided the product is shelf-stable.

2.16 Consignments of mayonnaise and salad dressings containing egg ingredients

- (1) Consignments of mayonnaise and salad dressings containing egg ingredients may be imported provided all of the following requirements are met:
 - a) The product is shelf-stable.
 - b) The total weight of the consignment can either be:
 - i) Unlimited for products originating from Australia, Canada, the European Union, Japan or the United States; or
 - ii) One kilogram or less for products originating from all other countries.

2.17 Pasta and noodles containing egg ingredients

- (1) Pasta and noodles containing egg ingredients may be imported from any country provided the product is shelf-stable.

2.18 Advocaat

- (1) Advocaat may be imported from any country provided all of the following requirements are met:
 - a) The product is commercially prepared and packaged.
 - b) The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.

2.19 Muscle protein powders containing dairy and/or egg ingredients

- (1) Muscle protein powders containing dairy and/or egg ingredients may be imported from any country provided the product is:
 - a) Shelf-stable; or
 - b) A private consignment of no more than 1 kilogram dry weight.

2.20 Gelatine and gelatine products

- (1) Gelatine and gelatine products may be imported from any country provided they are shelf-stable.

2.21 Products containing less than 5% meat ingredients

- (1) Products containing less than 5% meat ingredients may be imported from any country provided all of the following requirements are met:
- a) The product is shelf-stable.
 - b) The product must be:
 - i) Accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration, which certifies that the product contains less than 5% meat ingredients; or
 - ii) In commercial packaging that states the product contains less than 5% meat ingredients.

2.22 Products containing less than 5% each of fish, dairy or egg ingredients

- (1) Products containing less than 5% each of fish, dairy or egg ingredients must not contain meat ingredients unless it meets 2.21, and may be imported from any country provided all of the following requirements are met:
- a) The product is commercially prepared and packaged.
 - b) The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.
 - c) The product must be:
 - i) Accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration which certifies that the product contains no meat ingredients and less than 5% each of fish, dairy, or egg ingredients; or
 - ii) In commercial packaging that states the product contains no meat ingredients and less than 5% each of fish, dairy, or egg ingredients.

2.23 Products containing more than 5% and less than 21% egg ingredients

- (1) Products containing pasteurised egg in quantities greater than 5% and less than 21% may be given clearance provided that:
- a) The product(s) is accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration specifying that at any stage of the manufacturing process, the egg must have undergone a minimum heat treatment of:
 - i) 60° Celsius for no less than 1 hour; or
 - ii) 80° Celsius for no less than 10 minutes; or
 - iii) 100° Celsius for no less than 5 minutes.

2.24 Private consignments of beeswax and beeswax products

- (1) Private consignments of beeswax items may be imported provided:
- a) The product is not foundation beeswax or any other product associated with the beekeeping industry; and
 - b) The beeswax product is commercially manufactured.

Guidance for sections 2.24 – 2.27

- Commercial consignments of these products are covered in the [IHS: Specified Processed Bee Products](#).
- Didgeridoos with natural beeswax coating and mouthpieces are not risk items.

2.25 Private consignments of processed foods and beverages containing bee products

- (1) Private consignments of dry tea bags containing honey powder may be imported from any country provided all of the following requirements are met:
 - a) The product is shelf stable.
 - b) A maximum of one box (50 servings or less) per passenger is imported.
- (2) The following products are allowed for private consignments only, with a maximum weight per passenger or per consignment of 10 kilograms. Beverages are limited to a maximum of three bottles per passenger or per consignment:
 - a) Shelf-stable baked, boiled or fried foods containing honey, propolis, bee pollen and/or royal jelly.
 - b) Other processed composite foods and beverages containing bee products:
 - i) Nougat; or
 - ii) Commercially prepared and bottled beverage containing at least 20% alcohol according to the label; or
 - iii) Commercially prepared and bottled honey mead or energy drinks.

2.26 Private consignments of dietary supplements and medical preparations containing bee products

- (1) Private consignments of dietary supplements and medical preparations containing propolis, honey, pollen, bee larvae and royal jelly in shelf-ready packaging may be imported provided the bee product is:
 - a) Encapsulated (completely covered by an edible substance such as gelatine or wax that does not contain sugar, fruit, honey, pollen, propolis or royal jelly) and packaged in shelf-ready packages for direct retail sale, limited to one kilogram per consignment or passenger; or
 - b) A commercially manufactured and packaged throat spray or elixir (limit twelve bottles per person); or
 - c) A dermatological preparation containing bee products, limited to one kilogram per consignment or passenger.

2.27 Private consignments of honey of New Zealand origin

- (1) Private consignments of honey of New Zealand origin may be imported provided all of the following requirements are met:
 - a) The product must be commercially prepared and packaged.
 - b) The product must be within its original sealed packaging on arrival.
 - c) The country of origin (New Zealand) must be clearly identifiable on the packaging.
 - d) The total weight of the honey is limited to 2 kilograms.

Guidance for section 2.27

- Private consignments of honey [subject to the limit stated in section 2.27(1)(d) above] may be given biosecurity clearance if the packaging label claims the product to be of New Zealand origin, regardless of the country of the packaging of the honey.

Schedule 1 – Document History

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Schedule 2 – Definitions

Animal Products

Non-viable products derived from animals.

Commercially Prepared and Packaged

A product that has been manufactured in a commercial manner by a commercial enterprise and is packaged for retail trade in tamper proof packaging.

Cured Meat

Meat that has been subjected to any treatment such as salting, pickling, drying or smoking. This does not include frozen meat, chilled meat, minced meat or mechanically recovered meat.

Dairy Product

Any product manufactured from the milk and/or cream of animals.

European Union

European Union member countries.

Fo3

Fo3 is a processing standard that specifies that the core temperature of the product has reached 121° C for 3 minutes. (Refer to Schedule 3 for time-temperature combinations equivalent to Fo3).

Meat

All edible parts of an animal. This definition excludes fish.

Meat Products

This refers to products prepared from or with meat that has undergone treatment such that the cut surface shows that the product no longer has the characteristics of fresh meat.

Medical Preparation

A product intended to aid healing, or to prevent or reduce disease.

MPI

Ministry for Primary Industries, New Zealand.

Private Consignment

A consignment imported as personal property and not for resale. Maximum sizes of private consignments are specified in the individual clauses of this IHS.

Retorted

Means heated in an unopened hermetically sealed container for a time, and to a temperature, by superheated steam under pressure. Retorted goods may be in cans, jars or pouches.

Shelf-Ready Packaging

Shelf-ready packaging (SRP) refers to the preparation of a product so that it is delivered to a retailer in a ready-to-sell merchandised unit.

Shelf-Stable

A product is shelf-stable if:

- a) The product has been commercially manufactured.
- b) The product has been packaged by the manufacturer.
- c) The product is in that package.
- d) The package has not been opened or broken.
- e) The product:
 - i) Is able to be stored in the package at room or ambient temperature.
 - ii) Does not require refrigeration or freezing before the package is opened.

Whole Egg

Refers to mooncakes in section 2.14; whole egg means all of the egg (with or without shell) or parts of the egg that are not distributed evenly throughout the mooncake mixture.

Schedule 3 – Time and Temperature

- (2) Equivalent time and temperature parameters to 121° C for 3 minutes (Fo3) require the product has been processed to/greater than one of the following minimum core temperature and time parameters:

110° C for 40 minutes	124° C for 3 minutes
111° C for 32 minutes	125° C for 2 minutes
112° C for 25 minutes	126° C for 1 minute
113° C for 20 minutes	127° C for 46 seconds
114° C for 16 minutes	128° C for 37 seconds
115° C for 13 minutes	129° C for 29 seconds
116° C for 11 minutes	130° C for 23 seconds
117° C for 9 minutes	131° C for 18 seconds
118° C for 7 minutes	132° C for 15 seconds
119° C for 6 minutes	133° C for 12 seconds
120° C for 5 minutes	134° C for 9 seconds
121° C for 3 minutes	135° C for 7 seconds
122° C for 3 minutes	136° C for 6 seconds
123° C for 3 minutes	