

# **IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION OF EMU OIL INTO NEW ZEALAND FROM AUSTRALIA**

**Issued pursuant to Section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993**

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## **USER GUIDE**

The information in MAF animal and animal product Import Health Standards is presented in numerically ordered sections with descriptive titles. Sections are grouped into one of four parts, designated alphabetically.

Part A. GENERAL INFORMATION contains sections of general interest, including those relating to the legal basis for MAF Import Health Standards and the general responsibilities of every importer of animals and animal products.

Part B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE contains sections that outline the requirements to be met prior to and during importation. Whether a permit to import is required to be obtained prior to importation is noted, as are conditions of eligibility, transport and general conditions relating to documentation accompanying the consignment.

Part C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE contains sections describing the requirements to be met at the New Zealand border and, if necessary, in a transitional facility in New Zealand prior to any consignment being given biosecurity clearance.

Part D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION contains model health certification which must be completed by the appropriate personnel as indicated in the certification and accompany the consignment to New Zealand. When MAF has accepted health certification produced by a government authority in the exporting country as meeting the requirements of the model health certification this is noted. When no health certification is required to accompany consignments Part D. will note “none required”.

## **PART A. GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **1. IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD**

- 1.1 Pursuant to section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, this document is the Import Health Standard for the importation into New Zealand of emu oil from Australia.
- 1.2 Obtaining biosecurity clearance for each consignment of emu oil from Australia is dependent on the consignment meeting the requirements of this Import Health Standard.

## **2. REVIEW OF IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD**

- 2.1 This Import Health Standard may be reviewed, amended or revoked if there are changes in New Zealand's import policy, or the animal health status of the originating country, or for any other lawful reason, at the discretion of the Director Animal Biosecurity.

## **3. IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 3.1 The costs of MAF in performing functions relating to the importation of emu oil shall be recovered in accordance with the Biosecurity Act and any regulations made under that Act.
- 3.2 All costs involved with documentation, transport, storage and obtaining a biosecurity direction and/or biosecurity clearance shall be borne by the importer or agent.
- 3.3 Commercial consignments of products imported into New Zealand must comply with the Food Act 1981. These requirements are independent of the Import Health Standard requirements and are managed by the New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZFSA). Importers are advised to consult the NZFSA website: [www.nzfsa.govt.nz/imported-food/index.htm](http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/imported-food/index.htm) or contact the NZFSA.

## **4. DEFINITION OF TERMS**

### **Biosecurity clearance**

As defined by the Biosecurity Act 1993. Commodities given biosecurity clearance are free from all restrictions.

### **Director Animal Biosecurity**

The Director Animal Biosecurity, New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, or any person who for the time being may lawfully exercise and perform the power and functions of the Director Animal Biosecurity

### **Emu oil**

This product is produced by the rendering of fat derived from emus.

### **MAF**

New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

### **Inspector**

A person appointed as an inspector under the Biosecurity Act 1993.

### **Official Veterinarian**

A veterinarian authorised by the Veterinary Administration of the country to perform animal health and/or public health inspections of commodities and, when appropriate, perform certification in conformity with the provisions of the chapter of the OIE Code pertaining to principles of certification

### **OIE Code**

The Office International des Epizooties *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*.

## **5. EQUIVALENCE**

- 5.1 It is expected that the animal product will meet the conditions of this Import Health Standard in every respect. If the products do not comply with the requirements, an application for equivalence may be submitted to MAF for consideration. Detailed information supporting the application for equivalence must be forwarded to MAF for a decision.

## **PART B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE**

### **6. PERMIT TO IMPORT**

- 6.1 A permit to import is not required.

### **7. ELIGIBILITY**

- 7.1 Private consignments (i.e. approximately 20 kg or less) of emu oil and emu oil products that are commercially manufactured and packaged can be given biosecurity clearance (i.e. do not need to meet the requirements of PART D: ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE).
- 7.2 Commercial consignments of emu oil must fulfill the requirements under this Import Health Standard.

### **8. DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT**

- 8.1 The commercial consignment shall be accompanied by appropriately completed health certification that meets the requirements of PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION.
- 8.2 Documentation shall be in English, but may be bilingual (language of exporting country/English).
- 8.3 It is the importer's responsibility to ensure that any documentation presented in accordance with the requirements of this Import Health Standard is original (unless otherwise specified) and clearly legible. Failure to do so may result in delays in obtaining biosecurity direction and/or clearance or rejection of consignments.

## **PART C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE**

### **9. BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE**

- 9.1 Upon arrival in New Zealand the documentation accompanying the consignment shall be inspected by an Inspector at the port of arrival. The Inspector may also inspect the consignment, or a sample of the consignment.
- 9.2 Providing that the documentation meets all requirements noted under PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION and the consignment meets the conditions of ELIGIBILITY, the consignment may, subject to sections 27 and 28 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, be given a biosecurity clearance pursuant to section 26 of the Biosecurity Act

1993.

## **PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION**

### **10. EXPORT CERTIFICATION**

10.1 The following Model Zoosanitary Certificate contains the information required by MAF to accompany imports of emu oil into New Zealand from Australia.

**11. MODEL ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE**

**Name of Animal Product:** Emu Oil

**Exporting Country:** Australia

**I. Identification of Product**

Number of packages: .....

Nature of packaging: .....

Identification marks: .....

Net weight in kilograms (kg): .....

**II. Origin of Product**

Name of establishment: .....

**III. Consignment Information**

Place of loading: .....

Name and address of consignor: .....  
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Name and address of consignee: .....  
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**Country of Final Destination:** NEW ZEALAND

#### IV. MANUFACTURE'S DECLARATION

I the undersigned hereby declare that:

The emu oil herein described was subjected to a heat treatment process that is effective in raising the core temperature of the product to a minimum of 100°C for at least 1 minute during manufacturing.

Signature of Manager of Manufacturing Premises: .....

Date: .....

Name of manager and address of office: .....

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VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

I ..... , a government veterinary officer of Australia, declare with respect to the emu oil described in the attached Zoosanitary Certificate that:

I have examined the records of the manufacturer and have no reason to doubt the veracity of the manufacturer's declaration.

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Government Veterinary Officer Official stamp and date

Name and address of office: .....  
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**N.B. Official stamp of the government veterinary authority of the exporting country must be applied to all pages of zoosanitary certification.**