

# **IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION OF FAECAL SAMPLES FROM ALL SPECIES FOR THE CULTURE OF COPROPHILOUS FUNGI IN CONTAINMENT TO NEW ZEALAND FROM AUSTRALIA**

## **1. IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD**

Pursuant to section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, this document is the import health standard for the importation from Australia of faecal samples from all species for the culture of coprophilous fungi in containment in New Zealand.

## **2. PERMIT TO IMPORT**

2.1 A permit to import is required for the importation from Australia of faecal samples for the culture of coprophilous fungi in containment.

This permit is obtained from:

Chief Veterinary Officer  
Ministry of Agriculture  
P O Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand.

2.2 Attached to, and an integral part of the permit to import, is the current import health standard which describes the conditions under which the faecal samples may be imported to New Zealand.

2.3 The permit to import will be issued for multiple entry. The permit to import is valid for 12 months from the date of issue. Please note that any change in the importation requirements during that time may lead to the permit to import being revoked or amended.

## **3. INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED BY IMPORTER**

The importer shall supply the following information:

3.1 name and address of exporter;

3.2 physical location of the approved containment facility.

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

The import health standard may be reviewed and amended if there are changes in New Zealand's import policy, or the animal health status of the originating country, or for any other reason, at the discretion of the Chief Veterinary Officer.

## 5. DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

The permit to import has been issued for multiple consignments. A copy of the permit to import and the import health standard, together with all the required information, which must be in English, must accompany the consignment to New Zealand.

## 6. IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

All costs associated with the importation, which may include testing, treatment, transport, servicing and veterinary certification must be borne by the importer.

## 7. ELIGIBILITY FOR IMPORTATION

The faecal samples which may come from any species must be doubled bagged in a sealed solid container.

## 8. BIOSECURITY DIRECTION

8.1 A biosecurity direction will be issued provided the documentation is in order.

8.2 The samples shall be taken directly to an approved containment facility named on the permit to import and meeting the requirements of the MAFRA Standard 154.03.02 Containment Facilities for Microorganisms.

8.3 The samples are not to be removed from containment.

8.4 Records are to be kept to ensure that all imported samples can be completely traced from acquisition of the samples through culture to destruction.

8.5 Faecal residues and unused samples are to be destroyed within two months of entry. All unwanted waste containing live microorganisms shall be sterilized by autoclaving. Solid waste shall be disposed of by incineration.

(NB: clause 8.5 does not apply to fungal cultures grown from the faecal samples.)

8.6 Every six months during the project the importer shall provide to MAF a list of the fungi isolated and held within the containment facility. At the end of the project the importer shall report on the identity of all cultures identified and held in containment.

## 9. BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

9.1 The faecal samples will not be eligible for Biosecurity Clearance.

9.2 If the importer wishes to obtain Biosecurity Clearance to enable culture material cultured from the faecal samples to be stored and kept as specimens, the importer

shall inform the supervisor of containment of the species isolated. An assessment will then be undertaken by the MAF Regulatory Authority to determine whether or not the culture material may be released.

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