



# Ornamental Products of Animal Origin

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## **TITLE**

Import Health Standard: Ornamental Products of Animal Origin

## **PURPOSE**

This import health standard (IHS) specifies the minimum requirements that must be met when importing ornamental products of animal origin into New Zealand.

## **COMMENCEMENT**

This Import Health Standard comes into force on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 2013.

## **ISSUING AUTHORITY**

This import health standard is issued under section 24A of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

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## Part 1: Introduction

### 1.1 Background

- (1) The Biosecurity Act 1993 (the Act) provides the legal basis for excluding, eradicating and effectively managing pests and unwanted organisms.
- (2) Import health standards (IHSs) 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.
- (3) This particular IHS sets out the minimum requirements that must be met when importing ornamental products of animal origin into New Zealand.
- (4) A guidance document accompanies this standard providing information on how the requirements may be met.

### 1.2 What and whom this standard applies to

- (1) This IHS applies to importers of eligible consignments of ornamental products of animal origin.

### 1.3 The outcome this standard is seeking to achieve

- (1) The outcome this IHS is seeking to achieve is the effective management of biosecurity risks associated with eligible consignments. The biosecurity risk organisms associated with ornamental products of animal origin that are managed by this IHS are:
  - a) Foot and mouth disease (FMD)
  - b) Anthrax

### 1.4 Equivalence

- (1) 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.

*See guidance document for more information about equivalence and permits*

### 1.5 Consequences of not complying with this standard

- (1) 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 treated in accordance with this IHS prior to release or equivalence determined. Importers are liable for all associated expenses.

### 1.6 Change history

- (1) Refer to Appendix 1.

## 1.7 Definitions

- (1) Refer to Appendix 2.

## 1.8 Incorporation of material by reference

- (1) The following international standards are incorporated by reference in this IHS under section 142M of the Act:
  - a) the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) *Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals* (the *Manual*) (available at the OIE website: <http://www.oie.int/international-standard-setting/terrestrial-manual/access-online/>)
  - b) the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (the *Code*) (available at the OIE Website: <http://www.oie.int/international-standard-setting/terrestrial-code/access-online/>)
- (2) The following MPI CTO guidelines and lists are incorporated by reference in this IHS under section 142M of the Act:
  - a) MPI Approved Diagnostic Tests, Vaccines, Treatments and Post-Arrival Testing Laboratories for Animal Import Health Standards (MPI-STD-TVTL)
  - b) MPI Approved Biosecurity Treatments for Risk Goods Directed for Treatment [Approved Biosecurity Treatments for Risk Goods PDF](#)
- (3) 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 listed standards, guideline or lists has legal effect as part of these documents.

*See guidance document for more information about incorporation by reference and section 142O(1).*

## 1.9 Other information

- (1) *See guidance document for more information about related requirements e.g. CITES the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora*

## Part 2: General Requirements

### 2.1 Eligibility

- (1) For the purposes of this standard, ornamental products of animal origin means non-viable products made of animals, or the parts of animals, that are generally used for decorative/display purposes. This includes:
  - a) Shells, marine ornaments, and dry coral
  - b) Manufactured articles derived from horn, bone, beak, tusk and tooth
  - c) Fly-tying material containing animal skin/fibre
  - d) Fully tanned leather and leather goods
  - e) Blown eggs or egg shell ornaments/painting
  - f) Rawhide articles and handicrafts
  - g) Stuffed and/or mounted animals or animal heads
  - h) Game trophy hides and skins
  - i) Game trophy skulls, horns, hooves, antlers, bones, tusks, claws, and teeth
- (2) The following products are excluded under this standard:
  - a) Commercial hides and skins that are untanned
  - b) Animal fibres e.g. bristles, wool, fur
  - c) Feathers on handicrafts e.g. arrows, dream catchers, shields.
  - d) Preserved animal specimens e.g. in liquid formalin/alcohol

### 2.2 What countries this standard applies to

- (1) Ornamental products of animal origin may be imported into New Zealand from all countries that meet the requirements of this IHS.

### 2.3 Packaging

- (1) Packaging of imported ornamental products of animal origin must be:
  - a) free of any contaminants, and
  - b) appropriate given the nature of the goods to effectively contain any potential biosecurity risks.

### 2.4 The documentation that must accompany goods

- (1) Where documentation is required for a commodity under Part 3 of this IHS, this must:
  - a) be original, unless otherwise stated; and
  - b) accompany the imported goods; and
  - c) be in English or have an English translation that is clear and legible; and
  - d) veterinary certificates must be endorsed on every page by the Official Veterinarian with their original stamp, signature and date or be endorsed in the space allocated and all pages have paper based alternative security features.
- (2) Where veterinary certification is required for a commodity under Part 3 of this IHS, the exporting country's Official Veterinarian must certify the consignment meets all requirements including:
  - a) a unique consignment identifier;
  - b) the description, species, and amount of product;
  - c) the name and address of the importer (consignee) and exporter (consignor);

- d) the name, signature and contact details of the Official Veterinarian;
- e) endorsement of laboratories, processing, packaging and storage;
- f) any specific requirements outlined in Part 3 of this IHS.

## **2.5 Biosecurity clearance**

- (1) A biosecurity clearance, under section 26 of the Act, may be issued when the ornamental products of animal origin meet all the requirements of this IHS, provided the applicable requirements of the section 27 of the Act are met.
- (2) Treatments required in the standard may occur if the inspector authorises this to take place on arrival or at an approved transitional facility in accordance with the MPI Standard for Approved Biosecurity Treatments.

## Part 3: Specified Requirements for Identified Risk Organisms

See guidance document for more information about specified requirements for risk organisms

### 3.1 Ornamental products of animal origin

- (1) All imported consignments of ornamental products of animal origin (except for those imported under clauses 3.3, 3.4 or 3.5 of this IHS) must be free of adherent fat, muscle, sinew, blood, extraneous organic material, pest infestation, and evidence of decay.

### 3.2 Game trophies

- (1) All imported consignments of game trophy skulls, horns, hooves, antlers, bones, tusks, claws, and teeth must be:
  - a) mounted; or
  - b) professionally cleaned and processed to a high standard of whiteness; or
  - c) accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration verifying that they have been boiled at a minimum of 100°C for at least 30 minutes, and packaged immediately after treatment in a manner so as to ensure that there is no subsequent contamination with untreated goods of a similar nature.
- (2) All imported consignments of unmounted game trophy skulls, horns, hooves, antlers, bones, tusks, claws, and teeth must be free of extraneous organic material, pest infestation, and evidence of decay on arrival.

### 3.3 Processed game trophy hides and skins

- (1) All imported consignments of processed game trophy hides and skins, unless a finished product meeting 3.1 of this IHS, must be accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration or veterinary certificate verifying that they have been:
  - a) subjected to a pickling process in a solution of salt and mineral acid at a pH equal to or less than 4; or
  - b) subjected to a liming process at a pH equal to or greater than 12.5.

### 3.4 Irradiated game trophy hides and skins

- (1) All imported consignments of irradiated game trophy hides and skins must be accompanied by a veterinary certificate verifying that they have been:
  - a) irradiated with a minimum dose of 5 Mrad (50kGy) in a closed and sealed package, and
  - b) packaged immediately after treatment in a manner so as to ensure that there is no subsequent contamination with untreated goods of similar nature

### 3.5 Dried or salted game trophy hides and skins

#### 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) All imported consignments of dried or salted game trophy hides and skins must be accompanied by a veterinary certificate verifying that they have been:
  - a) dried, dry or wet salted, for at least 14 days if originating from a country or zone free from FMD (as per the MPI List of FMD Free Countries/Zones); or
  - b) dry or wet salted with salt containing 2% sodium carbonate for at least 28 days if originating from a country or zone not free from FMD; and
    - i) sourced from an area currently free from any outbreaks/epidemics of anthrax; or
    - ii) treated to deactivate anthrax in accordance with the OIE Code.
- (2) All imported consignments of unfinished dried or salted game trophy hides and skins must be free of extraneous organic material, pest infestation, and evidence of decay on arrival.

## Appendix 1 – Document History

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## Appendix 2 – Definitions and Acronyms

(1) For the purposes of this standard and the attached guidance document, terms used that are defined in the Biosecurity Act 1993 have the meanings set out there. The following specific definitions also apply:

### **Biosecurity Clearance**

A clearance under section 26 of the Biosecurity Act (1993) for the entry of goods into New Zealand. (Explanatory Note: Goods given a Biosecurity Clearance by an Inspector are released to the importer without restriction).

### **CITES**

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

### **Commercially Prepared and Manufactured**

Products that have been manufactured in a commercial manner by a commercial enterprise and are packaged in tamper proof packaging.

### **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.

### **Council Decision 97/132/EC**

Council Decision 97/132/EC of 17 December 1996 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and New Zealand on sanitary measures applicable to trade in live animals and animal products.

### **European Union**

European Union member countries.

### **Finished Game Trophy**

An animal of any species that has undergone a complete taxidermy process (professionally cleaned and processed by a taxidermist), including; tanning of skin, thus ensuring preservation at ambient temperatures. These can be:

- a) whole animals
- b) heads of animals
- c) skulls/antlers mounted onto shields.

### **FMD Free Countries/Zones**

A document listing the countries and/or zones that MPI recognise as free from FMD (see <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/pests/foot-n-mouth/fmd-free-countries-and-zones.pdf>).

### **Fully Tanned Leather and Leather Goods**

Goods containing hides and skins that have undergone a full tanning process so that they are preserved from putrescence and are thermally stable.

### **Inspector**

A person who is appointed an inspector under section 103 of the Act.

(Explanatory Note: An Inspector is appointed to undertake administering and enforcing the provisions of the Biosecurity Act and controls imposed under the Hazardous Substances and New Organism Act 1996, and the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species.

### **Manufacturer's Declaration**

A document prepared by the manufacturer (taxidermist) on letterhead paper and signed by the quality manager or equivalent of the manufacturing premises. It must contain the correct statement/s as required by the import conditions, and be specific to the product and consignment.

### **MPI**

Ministry for Primary Industries.

### **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.

### **OIE Code**

The World Organisation for Animal Health Terrestrial Animal Health Code. Any reference in this standard to the OIE *Code* is to the most current as found on the OIE website.

### **Permit to Import**

A permit issued by the Director General of MPI pursuant to section 24 (D)(2) of the Act.

### **Rawhide Articles and Handicrafts**

Items containing hides and skins that have been cleaned, dried, and manufactured into articles and handicrafts (e.g. traditional drums, hunting shields). This includes cultural heritage items or items of cultural value that are used for performances or decorative purposes containing hides or skins.

### **Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009**

Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption.

### **Unmounted Game Trophy**

The skulls, horns, hooves, antlers, bones, tusks, claws, teeth, hides, or skins of a wild mammal taken as game from a hunting expedition that have not been fixed onto a mount.

### **Veterinary Certificate**

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