

IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO NEW ZEALAND OF SHEEP AND GOAT MEAT PRODUCTS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION FROM CHILE

USER GUIDE

The information in a MAF animal product import health standard 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.

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 sheep and goat meat products for human consumption from Chile.

1.2 Obtaining biosecurity clearance for each consignment of sheep and goat meat products for human consumption imported into New Zealand from Chile is dependent upon the consignment meeting the requirements of this import health standard.

1.3 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.

2 IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 The costs to MAF in performing functions relating to the importation of sheep and goat meat products for human consumption shall be recovered in accordance with the Biosecurity Act and any regulations made under that Act.

2.2 All costs involved with documentation, transport, storage and obtaining a biosecurity direction and/or biosecurity clearance shall be borne by the importer or agent.

2.3 If the consignment is to enter a licensed meat premises in New Zealand, the importer must ensure the requirements of the Meat Act (1981) are complied with. A set of guidelines outlining the requirements of the Meat Act (1981) with respect to imported meat may be obtained from: Import Management, P O Box 2526, Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry, WELLINGTON.

2.4 Please note that commercial consignments of products imported into New Zealand for human consumption must comply with the Food Regulations (1984) of New Zealand. Importers are advised to contact the New Zealand Ministry of Health if in doubt whether or not imported foods are eligible for sale within New Zealand.

3 DEFINITION OF TERMS

Biosecurity Clearance: as defined by the Biosecurity Act 1993.

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.

Equivalence: acceptance by the Director Animal Biosecurity that the circumstances relating to the importation of a consignment are such that the health status of the consignment is equivalent to the health status of a consignment that complies with the requirements of the import health standard.

Inspector: as defined by the Biosecurity Act 1993.

MAF: the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Sheep and goat meat products for human consumption: includes all fresh and frozen meat and meat products derived from domesticated sheep (*Ovis aries*) and goats (*Capra hircus*) intended for human consumption. This includes edible offal and sausage casings.

4 EQUIVALENCE

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

5 PERMIT TO IMPORT

Importation into New Zealand of sheep and goat meat products for human consumption from Chile which meet the requirements of this import health standard may, subject to sections 27 and 28 of the Biosecurity Act, be given biosecurity clearance and do not require a biosecurity direction to a transitional facility. As such, they do not require a permit to import.

6 DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

6.1 The consignment shall be accompanied by appropriately completed original health certification which meets the requirements of PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION.

6.2 Documentation shall be in English, but may be bilingual (language of exporting country/English).

PART C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

7 BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

Upon arrival in New Zealand the documentation accompanying the consignment shall be inspected by an Inspector at the port of arrival. Providing that the documentation meets all requirements noted under PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION, the consignment will, 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

8 NEGOTIATED EXPORT CERTIFICATION

The following documents are recognised by MAF as equivalent to the requirements of PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION, and are approved to accompany imports of sheep and goat meat products for human consumption into New Zealand from Chile when appropriately completed by a representative of the exporting country's competent authority:

9 MODEL ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

COMMODITY: SHEEP AND GOAT MEAT PRODUCTS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

CERTIFYING AUTHORITY:

Agency:

Department:

Country:

I. ORIGIN OF THE CONSIGNMENT

(i). Name/s and address/es of processing premises:

(ii). Processing premises registration number:

II. CONSIGNMENT DESCRIPTION

(i). The commodity contained in this consignment is (describe form and packaging):

(ii). Amount (in kgs) of the consignment:

III. DESTINATION OF THE CONSIGNMENT

(i). Name and address of New Zealand importer:

IV. ZOOSANITARY INFORMATION

9.1 The sheep and goat meat products for human consumption within the export consignment were derived from animals resident in a country or a zone free from foot and mouth disease (according to OIE Code Article 2.1.1.2.) for the 12 months preceding slaughter;

9.2 The sheep and goat meat products for human consumption within the export consignment were derived from animals resident since birth in a country or a zone free from rinderpest (according to OIE Code Article 2.1.4.2.) for the 12 months preceding slaughter;

9.3 The sheep and goat meat products for human consumption within the export consignment:

Either: i) does not contain offal;

Or: ii) the offal has been frozen to -18 degrees Celsius for at least 48 hours;

(N.B. Delete whichever of i) or ii) above is not appropriate.)

9.4 The sheep and goat meat products for human consumption within the export consignment have been produced in premises approved for the export of these meat products to the European Community or the United States of America and under the direct control of the Servicio Agrícola Y Ganadero (SAG).

9.5 The sheep and goat meat products for human consumption within the export consignment have been handled and processed in accordance with the requirements of the European Community or the United States of America.

9.6 The sheep and goat meat products for human consumption within the export consignment are derived from animals which were subjected to and passed ante-mortem and post-mortem veterinary inspection.

9.7 The sheep and goat meat products for human consumption within the export consignment are fit for human consumption.

Signature of *Official Veterinarian*:

Date:

Name and address of office:

N.B. Official stamp of the government veterinary authority of the exporting country must be applied to all pages of zoosanitary certification.

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