

# **IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION OF PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED FROM NEW ZEALAND ORIGIN VENISON INTO NEW ZEALAND FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

## **1. IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD**

Pursuant to section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, this document is the Import Health Standard for the Importation of Products Manufactured from New Zealand Origin Venison into New Zealand from the United States of America.

## **2. PERMIT TO IMPORT**

2.1 A permit to import is not required for importation of this animal product.

2.2 Authorization, in the form of biosecurity clearance, will be given at the border after verification that the conditions within this import health standard have been met by the importer.

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

The importer shall supply the following information:

3.1 name and address of exporter;

3.2 name and address of manufacturer;

3.3 description and type of product;

3.4 official premises number (if applicable).

## **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**

A copy of the import health standard, together with all the required information and ORIGINAL certification, which must be in English, must be presented at the New Zealand border when requesting clearance of the consignment.

## 6. IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.1 All costs associated with the importation, which include testing, treatment, transport, servicing and veterinary certification must be borne by the importer.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 Once the consignment has been cleared for entry, it is the importer's responsibility to ensure that the consignment complies with requirements under the Meat Act (1981). A set of guidelines outlining these requirements may be obtained from:

Import Management & Quarantine  
PO Box 2526  
Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry  
WELLINGTON

## 7. HEALTH CERTIFICATION

Each consignment must be accompanied by a certificate issued by an official government veterinary officer which states that:

- 7.1 foot and mouth disease and rinderpest have not occurred in the United States during the twelve months prior to the date of manufacture of the product.
- 7.2 the products are manufactured from New Zealand origin venison.
- 7.3 the products were processed in premises under the supervision of the controlling authority and in accordance with United States regulations.
- 7.4 the products are sound and fit for human consumption.

## 8. BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

A Biosecurity Clearance will be issued provided the documentation is in order.

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