

IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION OF PASTEURISED EGG AND PRODUCTS CONTAINING PASTEURISED EGG INTO NEW ZEALAND FROM AUSTRALIA

1. IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD

Pursuant to section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, this is the import health standard for the importation of pasteurised egg and products containing pasteurised egg into New Zealand from Australia.

2. PERMIT TO IMPORT

2.1 A permit to import is not required for the importation of products containing pasteurised egg into New Zealand from Australia.

2.2 Authorization, in the form of Biosecurity Clearance, for the importation of products containing pasteurised egg into New Zealand from Australia 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.

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 accompany the consignment to New Zealand.

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.

7. ELIGIBILITY FOR IMPORTATION

The product shall consist of a commercially manufactured product for human consumption which contains liquid pasteurised whole egg, liquid pasteurised egg yolk or liquid pasteurised egg albumen or a product containing pasteurised egg as an ingredient. An example is frozen uncooked pastries containing pasteurised liquid whole egg.

8. MANUFACTURER'S DECLARATION

Each consignment must be accompanied by a declaration from the manufacturer (of the pasteurised egg ingredient) that has been endorsed by an official government veterinary officer which states:

- 8.1 The eggs are of Australian origin and come from establishments free from Newcastle disease and avian influenza and not situated in or within 10 kms of a Newcastle disease or avian influenza infected zone.
- 8.2 The premises of origin of the egg products are licensed for the processing of foods for human consumption.
- 8.3 The shells of the eggs have been thoroughly cleaned to ensure all evidence of faecal contamination has been removed prior to shell cracking.
- 8.4 The eggs have been subjected to heat treatment consisting of a minimum core temperature of:
 - a) 64⁰C for a minimum of 2.5 minutes; OR
 - b) 60 ⁰C for a minimum of 3.5 minutes.
- 8.5 The pasteurised egg products have been tested and comply with the microbiological standards of the Australian Food Standards E1-8, and no evidence of faecal contamination (in the form of coliform organisms) has been found.
- 8.6 The eggs did not contain blood.

9. BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

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

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