IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO NEW ZEALAND OF DAIRY PRODUCTS AND PRODUCTS CONTAINING DAIRY INGREDIENTS FROM SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

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The following information relates to the Chief Technical Officer Direction: CTO 2014 147.
Copies of the original zoological certificate and manufacturer's declaration as referred to in 7.3 are acceptable as long as the consignment details match those in the documents provided.

USER GUIDE

The information in MAF animal product import health standards 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 animal products.

Part B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE contains sections which 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 of dairy products and products containing dairy ingredients for human consumption into New Zealand from specified countries.

1.2 Obtaining biosecurity clearance for each consignment of dairy products and products containing dairy ingredients for human consumption imported into New Zealand from specified countries 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 Animal Imports and Exports Group Manager..

2 IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 The costs of MAF in performing functions relating to the importation of the commodity 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 biosecurity clearance shall be borne by the importer or agent.

2.3 Commercial consignments of products imported into New Zealand for human consumption must comply with the Food Act 1981. These requirements are independent of the import health standard requirements and are managed by the New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZFSA). Importers are advised to consult the NZFSA website: http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/ or contact the NZFSA.

2.4 It is the importer or agent's responsibility to ensure that they are compliant with the current version of the relevant import health standard at the time of importation into New Zealand. Current versions of import health standards are available online at http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/ihs/search.

3 DEFINITIONS

Biosecurity Clearance
A clearance under section 26 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 for the entry of goods into New Zealand

Animal Imports and Exports Group Manager
The Animal Imports and Exports Group Manager, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Biosecurity New Zealand, or any person who for the time being may lawfully exercise and perform the delegated power and functions of the Animal Imports and Exports Group Manager

Dairy products
Dairy products are all products manufactured from the milk and cream of animals and intended for human consumption

European Union Member States
Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands and United Kingdom

MAF
The New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

New Zealand Inspector
A person who is appointed an inspector under section 103 of the Biosecurity Act 1993

Official Veterinarian
An official veterinarian means a veterinarian authorised by the Veterinary Administration of the country to perform certain designated official tasks associated with animal health and public health and inspections of commodities and, when appropriate, to certify in conformity with the provisions of the chapter of the OIE *Code* pertaining to obligations of certification

OIE *Code*
The Office International des Epizooties *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*

Sealed packaging
The packaging is impervious and sealed at the point of manufacture. The original packaging must be intact i.e. has not been opened. Providing that the packaging is sealed, impervious, tamper-proof and shows no sign of having been opened, then any material is suitable for packing. Examples are screw-top glass or plastic containers with tamper-proof seals, sealed foil or plastic bags, vacuum packed and heat-sealed plastic containers, cans and sewn multi-wall bags

PART B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE

4 PERMIT TO IMPORT

4.1 A permit to import is not required.

5 EQUIVALENCE

This import health standard is in accordance with agreements between the exporting country and New Zealand. Biosecurity clearance will not normally be given to a consignment that does not meet the requirements of this import health standard in every respect.

Occasionally it is found that due to circumstances beyond the control of the importer or exporter a consignment does not comply with the requirements of this import health standard. In such cases, an application for equivalence submitted prior to importation will

be considered and may be given at the discretion of MAF Biosecurity NZ if the following information is provided by the exporting country's government veterinary authority:

5.1 the clause(s) of the import health standard that cannot be met and how this has occurred

5.2 the reason(s) why the consignment may be considered of equivalent health status to a consignment complying with this import health standard, and what proposal is made to achieve an equivalent health status

5.3 the reason(s) why the veterinary authority believes this proposal should be acceptable to MAF and their recommendation for its acceptance.

6 ELIGIBILITY

6.1 The following products are eligible for biosecurity clearance:

Dairy products and products containing dairy ingredients from all countries excluding Australia, the European Union Member States and Switzerland.

Note: to obtain import requirements for dairy products and products containing dairy ingredients from Australia, the European Union Member States and Switzerland please refer to the MAF Biosecurity New Zealand website: http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/ihs/search.

Note: Certain consignments of dairy products and products containing dairy ingredients (e.g. private consignments, shelf-stable dairy products, products containing less than 5 % dairy) may be given biosecurity clearance without the need for a zoosanitary certificate. Please refer to the MAF Biosecurity New Zealand website: http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/imports/animals/standards/ediproic.all.htm

7 DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

7.1 The consignment shall be accompanied by appropriately completed certification which meets the requirements of :

Part D: Zoosanitary Certification for dairy products and products containing dairy ingredients

Note: This import health standard only applies to the dairy ingredient. If the product contains other ingredients of animal origin (eg: egg, meat, honey) additional import requirements may need to be met. Please refer to the MAF Biosecurity New Zealand website http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/ihs/search.

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

7.3 It is the importer's responsibility to ensure that any documentation presented in accordance with the requirements of this import health standard is original (unless otherwise specified) and clearly legible. Failure to do so may result in delays in obtaining biosecurity direction and clearance or rejection of the consignment.

PART C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

8 BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

8.1 Where the documentation provided meets all of the relevant import requirements, the consignment may, 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.

8.2 Upon arrival in New Zealand the documentation accompanying the consignment shall be inspected by an Inspector at the port of arrival. The Inspector may also inspect the consignment, or a sample of the consignment.

PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

9 NEGOTIATED EXPORT CERTIFICATION

9.1 The following Model Zoosanitary Certificate contains the information required by MAF to accompany consignments of dairy products and products containing dairy ingredients into New Zealand from specified countries:

MODEL ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Commodity: DAIRY PRODUCTS OR PRODUCT CONTAINING DAIRY INGREDIENTS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

To: NEW ZEALAND

Exporting Country:

Competent Authority:

I ORIGIN OF THE CONSIGNMENT

(i) Name and address of manufacturer: .....

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(ii) Name and address of exporter:.....

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II CONSIGNMENT DESCRIPTION/IDENTIFICATION

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

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(ii) Amount (kg) of the consignment: .....

III DESTINATION OF THE CONSIGNMENT

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

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IV ZOOSANITARY INFORMATION
VETERINARY CERTIFICATION

I, ... an Official Veterinarian authorised by the Competent Government Authority of the exporting country certify, after due enquiry, that:

I have no reason to doubt the veracity of the attached Manufacturer's Declaration.

Official stamp:

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Signature of Official Veterinarian

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Name of Official Veterinarian

Date: .....

Address of office:.....
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MANUFACTURER'S DECLARATION

I, ... being the Manager of the facility where the product identified in this Zoosanitary Certificate has been processed, certify that:

1. The dairy ingredient used to manufacture the product has been heat treated in conformity with one of the following procedures:

   Either
   1.1 a minimum temperature of 132°C for at least one second (ultra-high temperature [UHT]);

   Or
   1.2 if the milk has a pH less than 7.0, a minimum temperature of 72°C for at least 15 seconds (high temperature-short time pasteurisation [HTST]);

   Or
   1.3 if the milk has a pH of 7.0 or over, the HTST process applied twice.

   (Delete 1.1, 1.2 or 1.3 as applicable)

2. The dairy product or product containing dairy ingredients have been produced in premises that are registered or approved by the Competent Government Authority as having acceptable food safety standards governing the processing of dairy products for export.

3. The dairy product or product containing dairy ingredients are in sealed packaging.

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Signature of Manager Date

Name of Manager: .....
Title of Manager: .....
Address of Manager: .....

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