

# **IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION OF EDIBLE TALLOW PRODUCTS INTO NEW ZEALAND FROM CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**Issued pursuant to Section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993**

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## **1 IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD**

Pursuant to section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, this is the import health standard for the importation of edible tallow products into New Zealand from Canada and the United States of America.

## **2 PERMIT TO IMPORT**

2.1 A permit to import is not required for the importation of edible tallow products into New Zealand from Canada and the United States of America.

2.2 Authorisation, in the form of biosecurity clearance, for the importation of edible tallow products into New Zealand from Canada and the United States of America 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 premises number.

## **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 DEFINITION OF TERMS**

*Edible tallow products* includes bulk tallow for human consumption, refined tallow and products manufactured from tallow such as dripping, margarine and shortening.

## **6 DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT**

A copy of the import health standard and all the required information and certification, which must be in English, must accompany the consignment to New Zealand.

## **7 IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

All costs associated with the importation, which include testing, treatment, transport, servicing and veterinary certification must be borne by the importer.

## **8 EQUIVALENCE**

The health conditions stated within this import health standard have been agreed as being suitable for trade between the exporting and the importing countries. It is expected that the animal product will meet the conditions in every respect.

Occasionally it is found that, due to circumstances beyond the importer's control, the products do not comply completely with the requirements. In such cases an application for equivalence will be considered and issued at the discretion of the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture, but only if the following information is forwarded by the certifying authority:

- 8.1 which clause/s of the health requirements cannot be met and how this has occurred;
- 8.2 the reason the animal product is considered to be of an equivalent health status and/or what proposal is made to return the animal product to an equivalent health status as set-out in the health conditions;
- 8.3 the reasons why the certifying authority believe this proposal should be acceptable to the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and their recommendation for its acceptance.

## **9 ELIGIBILITY FOR IMPORTATION**

- 9.1 The product must comply with the requirements of the Food Regulations (1984) of New Zealand, administered by the Department of Health and each consignment may be subject to inspection by an inspector appointed under these regulations.
- 9.2 If intended for further processing in meat export premises or re-export from New Zealand, the animal products may be inspected and approved by an inspector of the Meat Service MAF Quality Management, on entry.

## **10 HEALTH CERTIFICATION**

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

- 10.1 Foot and mouth disease and rinderpest have not occurred in the country of origin during the previous twelve months.
- 10.2 The products are derived from animals that passed ante-mortem and post-mortem veterinary inspection at the time of slaughter and were processed in premises under the supervision of the Controlling Authority and in accordance with the regulations of the country of origin.
- 10.3 Any tallow of ruminant origin has been purified in such a way that the maximum levels of remaining total insoluble impurities does not exceed 0.15% in weight.
- 10.4 The products are fit for human consumption.

## **11 BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE**

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

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