

IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO NEW ZEALAND OF SALMONIDS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION FROM AUSTRALIA

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 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 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 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 salmonids for human consumption from Australia.

1.2 Obtaining biosecurity clearance for each consignment of salmonids for human consumption imported into New Zealand from Australia 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 salmonids 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 clearance shall be borne by the importer or agent.

2.3 Please note that the Customs Import Prohibition (Trout) Order 2000, administered by the New Zealand Customs Service, prohibits the importation of trout and trout products in quantities exceeding 10 kilograms, or in quantities of less than 10 kilograms if the goods are intended for sale except with the consent of, and subject to such conditions as may be imposed by the Minister of Conservation. Any consignment may be subject to inspection by an authorised person under the Customs and Excise Act 1996.

3 DEFINITION OF TERMS

Biosecurity clearance: as defined by the Biosecurity Act 1993.

Commercially packaged for direct retail sale: means product not requiring further packaging and/or processing prior to retail sale or use in the institutional trade in New Zealand e.g. retort pouch packaged single fish, hermetically sealed packages of fish portions.

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 MAF 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.

Evisceration: removal of all tissues comprising the internal organs.

Inspector: as defined by the Biosecurity Act 1993.

MAF: the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Private consignment: refers to small quantities (10 kg or less) of salmonid products arriving in New Zealand e.g. in personal effects, accompanying passengers or via the mail system. The products must not be intended for sale to the New Zealand public. This definition covers items for private use or trade samples imported for evaluation.

Salmonids: for the purposes of this import health standard, salmonids means fish in the genera *Oncorhynchus*, *Salmo* and *Salvelinus*.

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

Importations of salmonids for human consumption into New Zealand from Australia 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 ELIGIBILITY

6.1 In the case of product imported as a private consignment:

- (i) export certification meeting the requirements of PART D ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION is not required;
- (ii) the consignment must comprise gutted fish commercially packaged for direct retail sale (see DEFINITION OF TERMS);
- (iii) the consignment must not comprise more than 10 kg net weight of fish.

6.2 In the case of product imported as a commercial consignment:

- (i) the consignment must be accompanied by export certification meeting the requirements of PART D ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION;

7 DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

7.1 Commercial consignments shall be accompanied by appropriately completed health certification, which must be in English, which meets the requirements of PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION.

7.2 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/or clearance or rejection of consignments.

PART C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

8 BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

8.1 Upon arrival in New Zealand the consignment may be inspected by an Inspector at the port of arrival.

8.2 Providing that the consignment meets the conditions of ELIGIBILITY, 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.

PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

9 NEGOTIATED EXPORT CERTIFICATION

The following documents are approved by MAF as being equivalent to the requirements of PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION, and are approved as export certificate/s to accompany imports of salmonids for human consumption into New Zealand when appropriately completed by an authorised representative of the exporting country's competent government agency for salmonid health and/or salmonid processing for human consumption:

10 MODEL ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

I. COMMODITY: SALMONIDS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

II. CERTIFYING AUTHORITY:

- i. Agency:
- ii. Department:
- iii. Country: AUSTRALIA

III. ORIGIN OF THE CONSIGNMENT

- i. Name/s and address/es of processing premises:
- ii. Processing premises registration number (if applicable):

IV. CONSIGNMENT DESCRIPTION

- i. Number of packages:
- ii. Nature of packaging:
- iii. Nature of the goods:
- iv. Fish species product derived from:
- v. Number of the container(s) and container seal number(s):
- vi. Gross/net weight in kilograms (kg):

V. CONSIGNMENT INFORMATION

- i. Name and address of exporter:
- ii. Name and address of New Zealand importer:

VI. DESTINATION OF THE CONSIGNMENT

- i. Port of loading/disembarkation:
- ii. Vessel/voyage number:
- iii. Port of destination:
- iv. Country of final destination: NEW ZEALAND

VII. ZOOSANITARY INFORMATION

10.1 The product for export is derived from fish within the genera *Oncorhynchus*, *Salmo* and/or *Salvelinus*.

10.2 The product for export is derived from fish that were harvested from a population for which a documented health surveillance programme exists which is administered by a competent government-authorized agency.

10.3 The product for export is derived from fish that were not slaughtered as an official disease control measure as a result of an outbreak of disease.

10.4 During processing the fish were:

- (i) eviscerated; and
- (ii) individually inspected and graded, ensuring the product for export is free from visible lesions associated with infectious disease and fit for human consumption.

Signature of authorised representative of competent government agency controlling salmonid health:

Official stamp and date:

Name and address of office:

N.B. Official stamp must be applied to all pages.