

IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO NEW ZEALAND OF SALMONIDS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION FROM SPECIFIED COUNTRIES (SHC)

Issued pursuant to Section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR IMPORTERS

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Direction to Biosecurity Inspectors pursuant to section 104(1) of the Biosecurity Act 1993

Where salmon will be subject to post-clearance processing and/or packaging in a facility with an Approved Food Safety Programme under the Food Act, or a Registered Risk Management Programme under the Animal Products Act 1999, this facility must also be approved to the MPI Standard Transitional Facility for Uncleared Goods, Annex F (Animal Products), issued March 2013.

This approved post clearance condition must be listed in any approval, notification or any other medium used to advise the importer concerning post-clearance requirements under s27A.

The following information relates to Chief Technical Officer Direction (s27 1 d iii) 2014 100

Bulk salmon can be packaged and processed in a facility approved to General Transitional Facilities for Uncleared Goods (MPI-STD-TFGEN Annex F: Animal Products), as the biosecurity measures in this standard have been assessed as equivalent to those in the Transitional Facilities for Processing Imported Salmonids (154.02.16).

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The following information relates to Chief Technical Officer Direction: CTO 2014 098 [B]

Clause 6: Eligibility: The following eligibility clauses relating to private consignments of salmonids have been amended as below:

Clause 6.2 (iii): The consignment must comprise headed, gilled and gutted fish.

Clause 6.2(iv): The consignment must not comprise more than 20 kg net weight of fish.

6 December 2012

Canadian Zoosanitary Certificate

The following zoosanitary certificate [Version: AQAH-1067-(2012-12-06)-NZ] has been accepted by MPI for the purpose of importation of salmonids from Canada under this import health standard. Zoosanitary certification is required to meet the eligibility requirements in Clauses 6.3 and 6.4 of this import health standard.

[Canadian Zoosanitary Certificate for Salmonid Importation](#)

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 animals and 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, 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 into New Zealand of salmonids for human consumption from specified countries (SHC).
- 1.2 Obtaining biosecurity clearance for each consignment of salmonids for human consumption imported into New Zealand from specified countries (SHC) 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 direction and/or biosecurity clearance shall be borne by the importer or agent.
- 2.3 Please note that commercial consignments of products imported into New Zealand for human consumption must comply with the Food Regulations (1984) of New Zealand. Consignments may be inspected and sampled/tested under these regulations. Importers are advised to contact the New Zealand Ministry of Health for details.
- 2.4 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.

Biosecurity direction: direction or authorisation given by an Inspector for uncleared goods to proceed to a transitional facility.

Bulk form: product which is intended to be further processed and/or packaged in New Zealand prior to retail sale or use in the institutional trade. e.g. containers of more than one fish.

Commercial consignment: means a consignment comprising product intended for distribution and/or sale in New Zealand.

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.

Headed, gilled and gutted: means removal of all tissues comprising the head, the gills and the internal organs.

Inspector: as defined by the Biosecurity Act 1993.

MAF: the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Permit to import: a permit issued by the Director General of MAF pursuant to section 22 1(A) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 upon an importer's demonstration that certain requirements of the import health standard have been met in advance of an importation being made, such that a transitional facility is available to accept the consignment/s and a method and route of transport from the port of arrival to the transitional facility has been approved. The procedure for application and the information required for a permit to import are detailed within the import health standard.

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*.

Specified countries (SHC): means countries with MAF-approved fish health and fish processing regulatory programmes from which salmonids for human consumption may be imported into New Zealand, as listed under ELIGIBILITY. The SHC is a unique code required by the Plant and Animal Quarantine Information System (PAQIS).

Transitional facility: as defined by the Biosecurity Act 1993.

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

5.1 In the case of private consignments of product and product which is commercially packaged for direct retail sale:

5.1.1 Importations of salmonids for human consumption into New Zealand from specified countries (SHC) 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.

5.2 In the case of product in bulk form:

5.2.1 An application for a permit to import shall provide the following information:

- (i) name and address of importer; and
- (ii) name and address of exporter; and
- (iii) description and quantity of the salmonids for human consumption to be imported; and
- (iv) date of the proposed importation; and
- (v) name and address of the TRANSITIONAL FACILITY to which the consignment is to proceed following importation; and
- (vi) a letter from the authorised supervisor of the transitional facility stating that the facility is registered and is available for the dates proposed and has the capacity to accommodate the consignment proposed to be imported; and
- (vii) the transport method and route during importation into New Zealand, which will be in accordance with all requirements for TRANSPORT TO NEW ZEALAND noted in this import health standard, and evidence of transit authority from countries on the transport route; and
- (viii) the transport method and route during transfer from the port of arrival in New Zealand to the transitional facility.

5.2.2 A permit to import will be granted for a single consignment only.

5.2.3 A permit to import is required for all bulk consignments of salmonids for human consumption imported into New Zealand from specified countries (SHC). Application for a permit to import shall be made prior to the proposed date of importation in writing to The Director Animal Biosecurity, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand.

6 ELIGIBILITY

6.1 The specified countries (SHC) from which importation under this import health standard is permitted are the following:
Canada, Norway and the United States of America.

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

- (i) no permit to import is required;
- (ii) export certification meeting the requirements of PART D ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION is not required;
- (iii) the consignment must comprise headed, gilled and gutted fish commercially packaged for direct retail sale (see DEFINITION OF TERMS);
- (iv) the consignment must not comprise more than 10 kg net weight of fish;

(v) the consignment is eligible for biosecurity clearance at the New Zealand border.

6.3 In the case of commercial consignments of product commercially packaged for direct retail sale:

(i) no permit to import is required;

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

(iii) the consignment is eligible for biosecurity clearance at the New Zealand border.

6.4 In the case of product in bulk form:

(i) the consignment must be accompanied by a valid permit to import;

(ii) the consignment must be accompanied by export certification which meets the requirements of PART D ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION;

(iii) the consignment is not eligible for biosecurity clearance at the New Zealand border, but must be directed to proceed to a transitional facility as described in Section 8 BIOSECURITY DIRECTION and Section 9 TRANSITIONAL FACILITY.

7 DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

7.1 The consignment shall be accompanied by appropriately completed health certification which meets the requirements of PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION.

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/or clearance or rejection of consignments.

PART C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

8 BIOSECURITY DIRECTION

8.1 In the case of product in bulk form:

8.1.1 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.

8.1.2 A biosecurity direction may be given by an Inspector under section 25 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 authorising the consignment to move to the transitional facility named in the permit to import, providing that the documentation meets all requirements noted under PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION and the

consignment meets the conditions of ELIGIBILITY.

9 TRANSITIONAL FACILITY

9.1 In the case of product in bulk form:

9.1.1 Imported product must be consigned to a transitional facility registered to *MAF Regulatory Authority Standard 154.02.16 Transitional facilities for processing imported salmonids*.

9.1.2 While in the transitional facility the imported product shall be subjected to the following conditions:

- (i) such processing and/or packaging to render the product commercially packaged for direct retail sale;
- (ii) management of any solid and liquid wastes produced during processing and/or packaging according to a MAF approved waste management plan.

10 BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

10.1 In the case of product in bulk form:

10.1.1 On successful completion of the terms detailed under TRANSITIONAL FACILITY 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.

10.2 In the case of commercial consignments of product commercially packaged for direct retail sale:

10.2.1 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.

10.2.2 Providing that the documentation meets all requirements noted under PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION and 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.

10.3 In the case of private consignments of product commercially packaged for direct retail sale:

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

10.3.2 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

11 NEGOTIATED EXPORT CERTIFICATION

11.1 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:

11.1.1 Canadian Food Inspection Agency Fish Health Certificate for salmonids for human consumption originating in Canada and intended for export to New Zealand [Ref: CFIA / ACIA 5024 (99/01) Newz 11/96].

11.1.2 U.S. Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Health Certificate to New Zealand: Import conditions to issue a zoosanitary certificate for U.S. processed salmon.

11.1.3 Norwegian Directorate of Fisheries Quality Control Service: Sanitary certificate covering salmonids for human consumption imported into New Zealand (Reference: Sunnhetsattest, laksefisk, New Zealand, engelsk, 99/04).

12 MODEL ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

COMMODITY: Salmonids for human consumption

CERTIFYING AUTHORITY:

Agency:

Department:

Country:

I. ORIGIN OF THE PRODUCT

(i). Name and address of producer:

(ii). Name and address of processor:

(iii). Processing premises registration number:

II. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

(i). The product contained in this consignment is:

EITHER: commercially packaged for direct retail sale;

OR: in bulk form.

(Delete one of the above.)

(ii). Amount (in kgs) of product:

III. DESTINATION OF FISH

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

(ii). Name and address of premises approved and registered under *MAF RA Standard 154.02.16* (in the case of product in bulk form):

IV. ZOOSANITARY INFORMATION

- 12.1 The product for export is derived from fish within the genera *Oncorhynchus*, *Salmo* and *Salvelinus*.
- 12.2 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.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 The product for export is derived from fish that were processed in a premises under the supervision of a competent government-authorized regulatory agency with responsibility for food safety standards during processing of fish for export. During processing the fish were:
- (i) headed, gilled and gutted;
 - (ii) individually inspected and graded, ensuring the product for export is free from visible lesions associated with infectious disease and fit for human consumption; and
 - (iii) found to be sexually immature, or sexually maturing, but not sexually mature.

Signature of authorised representative of competent government agency controlling salmonid health and/or salmonid processing for human consumption:

Official stamp and date:

Name and address of office:

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

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