

# **IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION OF FROZEN RAW PET FOOD (DERIVED FROM CATTLE, DEER, GOATS, HORSES, SHEEP) FOR FURTHER PROCESSING INTO NEW ZEALAND FROM AUSTRALIA**

## **1. IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD**

Pursuant to section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, this document is the import health standard for the importation of frozen raw pet food (derived from cattle, deer, goats, horses, sheep) for further processing into New Zealand from Australia.

## **2. PERMIT TO IMPORT**

2.1 A permit to import is not required for the importation of frozen raw pet food (derived from cattle, deer, goats, horses, sheep) for further processing into New Zealand from Australia.

2.2 Authorization, in the form of Biosecurity Clearance, for the importation of frozen raw pet food (derived from cattle, deer, goats, horses, sheep) for further processing 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 or processor;

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 Director of Animal Biosecurity.

## **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 Once the consignment has been cleared for entry, it is the importer's responsibility to ensure that the consignment complies with requirements under the Meat Act (1981). A set of guidelines outlining these responsibilities may be obtained by writing to: Import Management, Animal Biosecurity, Biosecurity Authority, Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry, P O Box 2526, Wellington, NEW ZEALAND.
- 6.3 The feeding of ruminant protein (i.e. cattle, deer, goat, sheep products in this case) in any form, composition or admixture to ruminants (e.g. cattle, sheep, goats, deer, alpacas) is prohibited under the Biosecurity (Ruminant Protein) Regulations 1999.
- 6.4 Products containing ruminant protein, or any material from premises that render, produce or utilise ruminant protein, must not be sent for further processing to any premises where feed suitable for ruminants is produced under the Biosecurity (Ruminant Protein) Regulations 1999.
- 6.5 Consignments containing ruminant protein, or any material from premises that render, produce or utilise ruminant protein, must be labelled in accordance with clause 14(c)(ii) of the Biosecurity (Ruminant Protein) Regulations 1999.

## 7. ELIGIBILITY FOR IMPORTATION

- 7.1 During transport to New Zealand, the products must have been frozen to -18°C.
- 7.2 The products must be labelled as "INEDIBLE - NOT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION" or equivalent.

## 8. HEALTH CERTIFICATION

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

- 8.1 the products are of Australian origin.
- 8.2 the products originate from a government licensed slaughtering establishment that slaughters animals for human consumption, and that operates under government supervision.

8.3 the products are derived from animals which were subject to ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection at the time of slaughter.

8.4 The products are suitable for pet food according to Australian regulations.

9. BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

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

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