

IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO NEW ZEALAND OF CAMEL MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION FROM AUSTRALIA

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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 camel meat and meat products for human consumption from Australia.
- 1.2 Obtaining biosecurity clearance for each consignment of camel meat and meat products 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 camel meat and meat products 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 Commercial consignments of products imported into New Zealand for human consumption in New Zealand 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 contact the NZFSA or consult the NZFSA website:
www.nzfsa.govt.nz/imported-food/index.htm
- 2.4 Once the consignment has been given biosecurity clearance into New Zealand, it is the importer's responsibility to ensure (where relevant) that the consignment complies with the Animal Products Act 1999, especially if it is returned New Zealand product, product entering operations also used for the export of animal products, or if it is to be re-exported. Information about these requirements can be obtained from the New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZFSA) website:
www.nzfsa.govt.nz/animalproducts/publications/omar/01-172.htm
or by contacting the local NZFSA Verification Agency office. Certification and other official assurance requirements which may be applicable are accessible at:
www.nzfsa.govt.nz/animalproducts/publications/manualsguides/oap/index.htm

3 DEFINITION OF TERMS

Biosecurity clearance

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

Camel meat

Refers to chilled or frozen camel (*Camelus dromedarius*) meat (muscle tissue only, ie not including offal)

Commercially packaged

A product that has been packed for retail sale and has a label attached that states the product name, ingredients, manufacturer's name and address, and country of origin of the product

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

Inspector

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

MAF

The New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

4 EQUIVALENCE

- 4.1 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 Consignments of camel meat and meat products 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 The camel meat and camel meat products shall be identifiable as originating from Australia.
- 6.2 The camel meat and camel meat products shall be commercially packed in the original unopened packaging.
- 6.3 The official registration/licence/accreditation number of the meat producing establishment must appear on the meat packaging.

7. INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED BY IMPORTER

- 7.1 The importer shall supply the following information:
- 7.1.1 name and address of exporter
 - 7.1.2 name and address of manufacturer
 - 7.1.3 description and type of product
 - 7.1.4 official registration/licence/accreditation number of the meat producing establishment.

8 DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

- 8.1 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

9 BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

- 9.1 Upon arrival in New Zealand the documentation accompanying the consignment shall be inspected by an Inspector at the port of arrival.
- 9.2 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

10 NEGOTIATED EXPORT CERTIFICATION

- 10.1 None required

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