

IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR SHELF-STABLE PETFOODS CONTAINING ANIMAL PRODUCTS

Commencement

This Import Health Standard comes into force on 8 November 2023.

Revocation

This Import Health Standard revokes and replaces *Import Health Standard for Shelf-stable Petfoods Containing Animal Products*, dated 20 February 2020.

The amendment history to this Import Health Standard is set out in the Document History.

Issuing Authority

This Import Health Standard is issued under section 24A of the Biosecurity Act 1993 to incorporate amendments made pursuant to sections 24B and 166A of that Act.

13 November 2023

The following information relates to Chief Technical Officer Direction (CTO 2014 065 [B]).

Different to clause 2.3 of this IHS, turtle food can be imported under this standard. The turtle food must meet one of the applicable clauses in this IHS (e.g. retorted turtle food must meet clauses 7.1, 7.2, or 7.3) in order to be given biosecurity clearance.

Reptile food (including food for turtles) that cannot meet this IHS must be accompanied by an import permit. Please contact animal.imports@mpi.govt.nz.

15 March 2022

The following information relates to Chief Technical Officer Direction: CTO 2022 008 [B].

For canned/retorted, dehydrated complete diets, dehydrated pet supplements, pet biscuits and pelleted petfoods imported from Australia, Canada, Israel, Japan, Switzerland, and the USA, the applicable clauses of this IHS are 7.1, 7.2, 7.4 or 7.5.

This means the porcine-related documentation requirements as stated in Clauses 7.3.1, 7.3.2, 7.6.1, and 7.6.2 do not apply to these petfoods from the above countries.

01 September 2020

Important information for importers

- Personal consignments of food for animals must meet the requirements under the [Import Health Standard: Personal Consignments of Animal Products](#) (PERSONAL.ALL) to be eligible for biosecurity clearance.

- If shipping petfood from Australia but manufactured in another country, please contact animal.imports@mpi.govt.nz.
- Apply for an import permit if the petfood contains viable microorganisms (probiotics). The permit is a requirement under the [Import Health Standard for Microorganisms from All Countries](#) (MICROIC.ALL). The application form is available [here](#).
- Apply for an import permit for freeze-dried insects for consumption by animals other than production animal species (Clause 2.3).
- Petfood from Thailand must be accompanied by this [Approved Official Certificate](#) if they contain bovine ingredients.
- Petfood from Canada must be accompanied by this [Approved Veterinary Certificate](#) if they contain bovine ingredients.
- Official/zoosanitary certificates, where required, must be submitted in original for biosecurity clearance. If you are unable to produce the original certificate in a timely manner then MPI's Target Evaluation Team can give biosecurity clearance to your consignment based on photocopies or electronic copies of the original documentation provided the Competent Authority of the exporting country provides email verification that the copy held by the Target Evaluation Team is a true copy of the original.

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12 May 2017

Under Chief Technical Officer Direction (CTO 2017 029 [B]), cuttlefish bones can be given biosecurity clearance. No documentation is required.

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6 May 2014

The following information relates to Chief Technical Officer Direction: CTO 2014 064 [B]

POULTRY JERKY IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

Poultry Jerky/Poultry Tenders/Poultry Strips that do not contain bovine ingredients from any country may be given biosecurity clearance provided all of the following requirements are met:

- i. The product is shelf stable.
- ii. The product is commercially prepared, packaged, and labelled as pet food.
- iii. The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.
- iv. The product is accompanied by an original manufacturer's declaration stating that:
 - a. The product does not contain ingredients of bovine origin.
 - b. The product has been cooked to a core temperature of minimum *<enter one of the temperature figures from the table below>* degrees Celsius for at least *<enter a time which must not be less than that shown against the corresponding temperature in the table below>* minutes.

Temperature (°Celsius)	Time (minutes)
80	1880
85	632

	90	213	
	95	72	
	100	24	
	105	9	
	110	3	
	115	1	
	120	0.5	

c. The product has not been coated with any further animal derived material following the cooking as outlined above.

GUIDANCE

For the purpose of this CTO Direction, poultry means chicken, turkey, duck and goose.

USER GUIDE

The information in Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) animal and 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 MPI import health standards and the general responsibilities of every importer of animals and animal products.

Part B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE contains sections which outline the requirements to be met prior to and during importation. Whether an import permit is required to be obtained prior to importation is noted, as are conditions of eligibility, and general conditions relating to documentation accompanying the consignment, if necessary.

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 and accompany the consignment to New Zealand where specified in the import health standard.

PART A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1 IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD

- 1.1 Pursuant to section 24A of the Biosecurity Act 1993 (the Act), this document is the Import Health Standard for Shelf-Stable Petfoods Containing Animal Products.
- 1.2 Obtaining biosecurity clearance for each consignment of shelf-stable petfoods containing animal products imported into New Zealand 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-General.

2 IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 It is the importer or agent's responsibility to ensure that they are compliant with the current version of the relevant import health standard at the time of importation into New Zealand. Current versions of import health standards are available online at: <https://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/law-and-policy/requirements/ih-import-health-standards/>
- 2.2 Petfoods and petfood ingredients imported under this import health standard must be intended for consumption by terrestrial animal species that are kept in households, laboratories and zoos as pets or specimens, such as aviary birds, cats, dogs, lagomorphs, mustelids, reptiles and rodents.
- 2.3 Products intended to be fed to production animal species including poultry, ostriches, emus, cattle, sheep, deer, goats, pigs, horses, etc. **must not** be imported under this import health standard.
- 2.4 This import health standard relates only to petfoods containing animal products (note, the product may also include non-viable plant products or mineral products). Petfoods that do not contain any animal or plant ingredients, and only comprise of inanimate ingredients, such as minerals, are not subject to any biosecurity requirements.
- 2.5 This import health standard specifically excludes petfood derived from animal products that need to be refrigerated prior to opening. Please refer to MPI's website: <https://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/law-and-policy/requirements/ih-import-health-standards/> to obtain import requirements for petfoods requiring refrigeration prior to opening.
- 2.6 This import health standard, meaning the PETFODIC.ALL IHS, is for shelf-stable petfoods manufactured in all countries other than the European Union countries. Shelf-stable petfoods manufactured in European Union countries must comply with the requirements in the [*Import Health Standard for the Importation into New Zealand of Processed Petfood Containing Category 3 Material Only from the European Community*](#) (FODPPPIC.EEC).
- The requirements under the [FODPPPIC.EEC](#) IHS will apply to petfoods from the United Kingdom until further notice.
- 2.7 The costs to MPI in performing functions relating to the importation of shelf-stable petfoods containing animal products shall be recovered in accordance with the Act and any regulations made under that Act.
- 2.8 All costs involved with documentation, transport, storage and obtaining a biosecurity clearance shall be borne by the importer or agent.
- 2.9 All petfood products sold on the domestic New Zealand market must comply with any legal requirements notified under the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines (ACVM) Act 1997. Imported petfoods must be accompanied by ACVM Class Determination Letters to facilitate clearance under the ACVM Act. Information on ACVM Class Determination is available [here](#).

3 DEFINITION OF TERMS

Animal product

A product that includes a material derived from any part or secretion of a vertebrate or an invertebrate member of the animal kingdom.

Biosecurity clearance

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

Bovine ingredient

Any tissue originating from cattle. Does not include milk and milk products.

Dairy product

Any product manufactured from the milk and cream of animals.

Fo3

Fo3 is a processing standard that specifies that the core temperature of the product has reached 121°C for 3 minutes. (Refer to Appendix 1 for time-temperature combinations equivalent to Fo3).

Inspector

Means a person who is appointed an inspector under section 103 of the Act.

Manufacturer's declaration

A document that has been prepared by the manufacturer on the manufacturing company's letterhead paper and:

- a) Signed by the manufacturer's quality manager or equivalent.
- b) Dated within the last 12 months prior to the arrival of the consignment in New Zealand.
- c) Containing the statements required by this import health standard, the product name(s) relevant to the consignment and the details of the importer (consignee).

MPI

The New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries.

Meat

Skeletal muscle of vertebrate animal species (e.g. avian, amphibian, fish, mammalian, and reptilian) with naturally included or adherent tissue or bone. This definition excludes animal by-products.

Meat product

A product containing meat as an ingredient (such as meat patties, meat pies, salami or sausage), or meat that has been treated so that the cut surface of the meat no longer has the characteristics of fresh meat.

Official certificate

A certificate issued by the exporting country's Official Veterinarian containing the following information:

- a) A unique consignment identifier.
- b) The description and amount of product.

- c) Name and address of the importer (consignee) and exporter (consignor).
- d) Name, signature and contact details of the Official Veterinarian.
- e) Certification by the Official Veterinarian that the requirements of this import health standard have been met.

Official Veterinarian

A veterinarian of an exporting country's Veterinary Authority who is authorised according to official procedures to sign international veterinary certificates.

Processed poultry products

Means meat powder, meat meal, feather meal, oil, blood meal and flavours/extract/palatability enhancers derived from domestic chickens (*Gallus gallus*), turkeys (*Meleagris gallopavo*), or ducks (*Anas* spp. and *Cairina moschata*).

Retorted

Means heated in an unopened hermetically sealed container for a time, and to a temperature, by superheated steam under pressure, sufficient to render the contents commercially sterile, for example, traditional canning processes.

Shelf-stable

Not requiring refrigeration or freezing.

Veterinary Authority

Means the governmental Veterinary Service that has authority for implementing, supervising, and auditing the animal health measures and international veterinary certification processes recommended by the WOAHA (World Animal Health Organisation).

4 EQUIVALENCE

- 4.1 It is expected that the product will meet the conditions of this import health standard in every respect. If the product does not comply with the requirements, an application for equivalence may be submitted to MPI for consideration prior to importation explaining the the reason(s) why the consignment may be considered of equivalent health status to a consignment complying with this import health standard, and what proposal is made to achieve an equivalent health status. Applications may be sent to:

Animal Imports Team, Ministry for Primary Industries, PO Box 2526, Wellington 6140, or email: animal.imports@mpi.govt.nz

PART B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE

5 IMPORT PERMIT

- 5.1 An import permit must be obtained for shelf-stable petfoods containing more than 2% of honey, pollen or royal jelly from the Animal Imports Team, Ministry for Primary Industries, PO Box 2526, Wellington 6140, New Zealand, or email animal.imports@mpi.govt.nz.
- 5.2 An import permit is not required for other petfood consignments that meet the requirements of this import health standard.

6 DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

- 6.1 The consignment shall be accompanied by appropriately completed documentation where specified in section 7 of this import health standard.
- 6.2 Documentation shall be in English, but may be bilingual (language of exporting country and English).
- 6.3 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 clearance or rejection of consignments.

7 ELIGIBILITY

7.1 **Canned/retorted petfoods containing any animal products (including bovine and porcine ingredients)** from *Australia, Israel, Japan, or the United States of America* may be given biosecurity clearance provided all of the following requirements are met:

- i. The product is shelf-stable
- ii. The product is commercially prepared, packaged, and labelled as petfood
- iii. The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival
- iv. The country of origin is clearly identifiable on the packaging
- v. The product is accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration stating that the product has been subjected to a retort process.

7.2 **Canned/retorted petfoods containing bovine ingredients and any other animal products** from *Canada* or *Switzerland* may be given biosecurity clearance provided all of the following requirements are met:

- i. The product is shelf-stable
- ii. The product is commercially prepared, packaged, and labelled as petfood
- iii. The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival
- iv. The country of origin (Canada or Switzerland) is clearly identifiable on the packaging
- v. The product is accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration stating that the product has been subjected to a retort process
- vi. The product must be accompanied by certification that meets Part D. Zoosanitary Certification.

7.3 **Canned/retorted petfoods containing animal products from any country**

7.3.1 **Canned/retorted petfoods containing animal products NOT of bovine or porcine origin** may be given biosecurity clearance provided all of the following requirements are met:

- i. The product is shelf-stable
- ii. The product is commercially prepared, packaged, and labelled as petfood
- iii. The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival
- iv. The product is accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration stating that the product does not contain bovine and porcine ingredients and has been subjected to a retort process.

7.3.2 **Canned/retorted petfoods containing porcine ingredients and other animal products NOT of bovine origin** may be given biosecurity clearance provided all of the following requirements are met:

- i. The product is shelf-stable
- ii. The product is commercially prepared, packaged, and labelled as petfood
- iii. The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival
- iv. The product is accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration stating that the product does not contain bovine ingredients
- v. The product is accompanied by an official certificate stating that the product has been subjected to a retort process of Fo3 or greater (refer to Appendix 1 for time and temperatures to achieve Fo3).

7.4 **Dehydrated complete diets, dehydrated pet supplements, pet biscuits and pelleted petfoods containing any animal products (including bovine and porcine ingredients)** from *Australia, Israel, Japan or the United States of America* may be given biosecurity clearance provided all of the following requirements are met:

- i. The product has been cooked by baking, or cooked during the process of extrusion
- ii. The product is shelf-stable
- iii. The product is commercially prepared, packaged, and labelled as petfood
- iv. The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival
- v. The country of origin (Australia, Israel, Japan or the United States of America) is clearly identifiable on the packaging
- vi. The product is accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration stating that the product has been cooked by baking, or cooked during the process of extrusion.

7.5 **Dehydrated complete diets, dehydrated pet supplements, pet biscuits and pelleted petfoods containing bovine ingredients and any other animal products from *Canada or Switzerland*** may be given biosecurity clearance provided all of the following requirements are met:

- i. The product has been cooked by baking, or cooked during the process of extrusion
- ii. The product is shelf-stable
- iii. The product is commercially prepared, packaged, and labelled as petfood
- iv. The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival
- v. The country of origin (Canada or Switzerland) is clearly identifiable on the packaging
- vi. The product is accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration stating that the product has been cooked by baking, or cooked during the process of extrusion
- vii. The product is accompanied by certification that meets Part D. Zoosanitary Certification.

7.6 **Dehydrated complete diets, dehydrated pet supplements, pet biscuits and pelleted petfoods containing animal products from any country**

7.6.1 **Dehydrated complete diets, dehydrated pet supplements, pet biscuits and pelleted petfoods containing animal products NOT of bovine or porcine origin** may be given biosecurity clearance provided all of the following requirements are met:

- i. The product has been cooked by baking, or cooked during the process of extrusion
- ii. The product is shelf-stable
- iii. The product is commercially prepared, packaged, and labelled as petfood
- iv. The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival
- v. The product is accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration stating that the product does not contain bovine and porcine ingredients and has been cooked by baking, or cooked during the process of extrusion.

7.6.2 **Dehydrated complete diets, dehydrated pet supplements, pet biscuits and pelleted petfoods containing porcine ingredients and any other animal products NOT of bovine origin** may be given biosecurity clearance provided all of the following requirements are met:

- i. The product is shelf-stable
- ii. The product is commercially prepared, packaged, and labelled as petfood

- iii. The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival
- iv. The product is accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration stating that the product does not contain bovine ingredients.
- v. The product is accompanied by an official certificate stating that the product has been cooked by the process of baking to a minimum core temperature of 70°C for at least 30 minutes, or cooked by the process of extrusion.

7.7 Dried dog and cat chews containing animal products

7.7.1 **Beef jerky chews** from *Australia, Israel, Japan or the United States of America* may be given biosecurity clearance provided that all of the following requirements are met:

- i. The product does not contain any animal products other than bovine meat products
- ii. The product is shelf-stable
- iii. The country of origin (Australia, Israel, Japan or the United States of America) is clearly identifiable on the packaging
- iv. The product is commercially prepared, packaged, and labelled as petfood
- v. The product is within its original sealed packaging on arrival.

7.7.2 **Beef jerky chews** from *Canada or Switzerland* may be given biosecurity clearance provided that all of the following requirements are met:

- i. The product does not contain any animal products other than bovine meat products
- ii. The product is shelf-stable
- iii. The product is commercially prepared, packaged, and labelled as petfood
- iv. The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival
- v. The country of origin (Canada or Switzerland) is clearly identifiable on the packaging
- vi. The product is accompanied by certification that meets Part D. Zoosanitary Certification.

7.7.3 **Mammalian rawhide and mammalian ligamentum nuchae chews** from *Australia, Israel, Japan or the United States of America* may be given biosecurity clearance provided that all of the following requirements are met:

- i. The product does not contain any animal products other than the skin, hide or ligamentum nuchae of a mammal (i.e. not avian products)

- ii. The product is shelf-stable
- iii. The product is commercially prepared, packaged, and labelled as petfood
- iv. The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival
- v. The country of origin (Australia, Israel, Japan or the United States of America) is clearly identifiable on the packaging.

7.7.4 **Mammalian rawhide chews and mammalian ligamentum nuchae chews** from *Canada or Switzerland* may be given biosecurity clearance provided that all of the following requirements are met:

- i. The product does not contain any animal products other than the skin, hide or ligamentum nuchae of a mammal (i.e. not avian products)
- ii. The product is shelf-stable
- iii. The product is commercially prepared, packaged, and labelled as petfood
- iv. The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival
- v. The country of origin (Canada or Switzerland) is clearly identifiable on the packaging
- vi. The product is accompanied by certification that meets Part D. Zoosanitary Certification.

7.7.5 **Mammalian rawhide chews** from *any country* may be given biosecurity clearance provided that all of the following requirements are met:

- i. The product does not contain any animal products other than the skin, hide or ligamentum nuchae of a mammal (i.e. not avian products)
- ii. The product is shelf-stable
- iii. The product is commercially prepared, packaged, and labelled as petfood
- iv. The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival
- v. The product is accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration stating that the product does not contain any animal products other than the skin, hide or ligamentum nuchae of a mammal
- vi. The product must be accompanied by an official certificate stating that the product has been soaked in a lime solution of pH 14 for at least 8 hours.

7.8 **Dried sardines** from *any country* may be given biosecurity clearance provided that all the following requirements are met:

- i. The product does not contain any animal products other than fish

- ii. The product is shelf-stable
- iii. The product is commercially prepared, packaged, and labelled as petfood
- iv. The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.

7.9 **Products containing dairy ingredients** from *any country* may be given biosecurity clearance provided that all the following requirements are met:

- i. The product does not contain any animal products other than dairy ingredients
- ii. The product is shelf-stable
- iii. The product is commercially prepared, packaged, and labelled as petfood
- iv. The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.

7.10 **Petfoods containing any honey, pollen or royal jelly** from *any country* may be given biosecurity clearance provided that all the following requirements are met:

- i. The product does not contain any animal products other than honey, pollen or royal jelly ingredients
- ii. The product is commercially prepared and packaged
- iii. The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival
- iv. The product is accompanied by
 - EITHER (a) a manufacturer's declaration stating that the product contains no more than 2% honey, pollen or royal jelly
 - OR (b) an import permit.

7.11 **Petfoods containing any honey, pollen or royal jelly** in addition to other animal product ingredients specified in other clauses in this import health standard need to comply with all the requirements in the relevant clause, and be accompanied by

- EITHER (a) a manufacturer's declaration stating that the product contains no more than 2% honey, pollen or royal jelly
- OR (b) an import permit.

7.12 **Processed poultry products (poultry meat powder, poultry meat meal, poultry feather meal, poultry oil, poultry blood meal and poultry flavours/extracts/palatability enhancers)** for further processing into dog or cat food from *any country* may be given biosecurity clearance provided all of the following requirements are met:

- i. The product is shelf-stable
- ii. The product is commercially prepared and packaged

- iii. The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival
- iv. The product is accompanied by:
 - (a) an import permit; and
 - (b) an official certificate stating that the product was not derived from poultry that were slaughtered for disease control purposes and the product has been heat treated to a minimum core temperature of:
 - 1. 80°C for no less than 1880 minutes; or
 - 2. 85°C for no less than 632 minutes; or
 - 3. 90°C for no less than 213 minutes; or
 - 4. 95°C for no less than 72 minutes; or
 - 5. 100°C for no less than 24 minutes; or
 - 6. 105°C for no less than 9 minutes; or
 - 7. 110°C for no less than 3 minutes; or
 - 8. 115°C for no less than 1 minute; or
 - 9. 120°C for no less than 0.5 minute.

PART C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

8 BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE AND DIRECTION

- 8.1 An inspector may inspect consignments upon arrival in New Zealand to check that they meet the conditions of eligibility stated in section 7 of this import health standard.
- 8.2 Providing that the consignment meets the conditions of eligibility, the consignment may, subject to sections 27 and 28 of the Act, be given a biosecurity clearance pursuant to section 26 of the Act.

PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

9 NEGOTIATED EXPORT CERTIFICATION

- 9.1 The following Model Zoosanitary Certificate contains the information required by MPI to accompany imports of consignments of shelf-stable petfoods containing bovine ingredients into New Zealand from Canada and Switzerland.

Appendix 1: Fo3 Time and Temperature

Equivalent time and temperature parameters to 121°C for 3 minutes (Fo3) require the product has been processed to/greater than one of the following minimum core temperature and time parameters:

110°C for 40 minutes	124°C for 3 minutes
111°C for 32 minutes	125°C for 2 minutes
112°C for 25 minutes	126°C for 1 minute
113°C for 20 minutes	127°C for 46 seconds
114°C for 16 minutes	128°C for 37 seconds
115°C for 13 minutes	129°C for 29 seconds
116°C for 11 minutes	130°C for 23 seconds
117°C for 9 minutes	131°C for 18 seconds
118°C for 7 minutes	132°C for 15 seconds
119°C for 6 minutes	133°C for 12 seconds
120°C for 5 minutes	134°C for 9 seconds
121°C for 3 minutes (Fo3)	135°C for 7 seconds
122°C for 3 minutes	136°C for 6 seconds
123°C for 3 minutes	

Appendix 2: Document History

Date first issued	Title	Shortcode
20 October 2006	Shelf-stable Petfoods Containing Animal Products	PETFODIC.ALL
Date of issued amendments	Title	Shortcode
1 May 2007	Shelf-stable Petfoods Containing Animal Products	PETFODIC.ALL
3 November 2014	Shelf-stable Petfoods Containing Animal Products	PETFODIC.ALL
20 February 2020	Shelf-stable Petfoods Containing Animal Products	PETFODIC.ALL
8 November 2023	Shelf-stable Petfoods Containing Animal Products	PETFODIC.ALL