



**IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD
FOR
ANIMAL PRODUCTS
THAT HAVE UNDERGONE
THIRD COUNTRY PROCESSING**

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Issuing Authority

This standard is issued under section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 (the Act).

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PART A. INTRODUCTION

Background

1. Under section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, this document is the Import Health Standard for Animal Products That Have Undergone Third Country Processing.
2. If this standard needs to be amended or revoked urgently, or the Director General considers that an amendment is minor, the amendment or revocation may be carried out without prior consultation.
3. A guidance document will be issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) New Zealand to accompany this import health standard. The document will provide guidance information relevant to how requirements of the import health standard may be met.
4. 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 <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/ihs/search>

Scope

5. This standard specifies the requirements that must be met to import third country processed animal products to New Zealand. New Zealand may also be the country of origin of the animal product.
6. Third country processed animal products are animal products that originate in New Zealand or are the subject of an existing import health standard issued by MAF New Zealand and that have undergone further processing in a third country.
7. Where there is an existing import health standard or export agreement between the competent authorities of the third country and New Zealand for the processed animal products, this import health standard (Import Health Standard for Animal Products That Have Undergone Third Country Processing) is not required.
8. The third country processed animal products must meet the general requirements contained in PART B of this standard.

Outcomes

9. The desired outcome of this standard is that biosecurity risks associated with the third country processed animal products are effectively managed so they are no greater than if the animal product was imported directly to New Zealand.

Definitions

10. Competent authority

The veterinary authority or other governmental authority of an OIE Member having the responsibility and competence for ensuring or supervising the implementation of animal health and welfare measures, international veterinary certification and other standards

and recommendations in the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health and Aquatic Animal Health Codes in the whole territory.

11. Official Assurance Programme

Describes the requirements that have been agreed to between the competent authorities of the third country and New Zealand, and that must be followed to receive a sanitary certificate to accompany the third country processed animal product for importation to New Zealand.

12. Permit to import

A written order issued by the Director General of MAF pursuant to section 22 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

13. Third country

A country other than the country of origin of the animal product and New Zealand. (Note that New Zealand can also be the country of origin.)

PART B. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Official Assurance Programme

14. Risk management for the third country processed animal product must meet measures described in the import standard for direct importation of the animal product to New Zealand. To achieve this outcome, an Official Assurance Programme (OAP) must be agreed to between the competent authorities of the third country where processing occurs and New Zealand. Information presented to support the OAP must demonstrate the following can be met:

- Quality management systems for processing and packaging the product;
- Quarantine integrity/prevention of substitution of the product;
- Traceability of the product from the source country through processing and packaging in the third country until exportation to New Zealand.

Documentation accompanying the consignment

15. The documentation that accompanies the third country processed animal product to New Zealand must consist of:

15.1 The sanitary certificate for the third country processed animal product.

15.2 A copy of the original sanitary certificate for the animal product, which meets all requirements of the import health standard for the animal product for importation into New Zealand; or, if the animal product originates from New Zealand, a copy of the export certificate from New Zealand. This copy is to be endorsed "certified copy of original" and signed by an official of the competent authority of the third country where processing occurs.

Important information for importers and border

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Clause 15.2: For New Zealand origin chicken meat that undergoes further processing in Australia and then exported back to New Zealand, the copy of the original export certificate from New Zealand to Australia is not required to be endorsed by the Australian Competent Authority and the submission of a non-endorsed copy can be

accepted to meet the requirement.

15.3 Where required in the Official Assurance Programme, a permit to import.

16. The documentation must be:

- original, unless otherwise specified;
- in English or have an English translation;
- clear and legible.

PART C. CLEARANCE

17. Imported third country processed animal products that meet the requirements of this import health standard in full may, subject to sections 27 and 28 of the Act, be given clearance.

18. Imported third country processed animal products that do not meet the requirements of this import health standard in full may be reshipped or destroyed at the importer's expense.

PART D. EQUIVALENCE

19. The requirements for importation of the third country processed animal product are met if, in the opinion of the Director-General, the measures taken for managing the risks associated with the importation of those goods are equally effective at managing those risks as the requirements specified in this standard. If an equivalence measure(s) is approved, MAF will issue a permit to import (under Section 22 of the Biosecurity Act).