

# **IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO NEW ZEALAND OF FROZEN ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS (DERIVED FROM BOVINES, GOATS, HORSES, PIGS AND SHEEP) FOR FURTHER PROCESSING FROM AUSTRALIA**

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR IMPORTERS AND BORDER**

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This import health standard (IHS) now only applies only to products derived from non-ruminant species.

For importing ruminant (goat, sheep, beef and deer) meat and meat products, see [IHS: Ruminant Meat and Meat Products, RUMNPROD.GEN](#)

### **1. IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD**

Pursuant to section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, this document is the import health standard for the importation into New Zealand of frozen animal by-products (derived from bovines, goats, horses, pigs and sheep) for further processing from Australia.

### **2. PERMIT TO IMPORT**

- 2.1 A permit to import is not required for the importation into New Zealand of frozen animal by-products for further processing from Australia.
- 2.2 Authorization, in the form of biosecurity clearance, 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;
- 3.3 description and type of product;
- 3.4 official number of premises (for meat/meat by-products).

### **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 be presented at the New Zealand border when requesting clearance of the consignment.

## 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, PO Box 2526, Wellington, NEW ZEALAND.
- 6.3 Products containing ruminant protein (i.e. products derived from bovines, goats and sheep in this case) 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.
- 6.4 If the products are used to manufacture animal food (e.g. petfood) or fertiliser, the consignment shall be labelled in accordance with clause 14(c)(ii) of the Biosecurity (Ruminant Protein) Regulations 1999.

## 7. ELIGIBILITY FOR IMPORTATION

All meat by-products (also known as "co-products") derived from bovines, goats, horses, pigs and sheep are eligible for entry under this import health standard. This refers to any item imported for further processing and not intended for direct human consumption within New Zealand. Such items may include adrenal glands, calf vells, epiglottides, hearts, kidneys, lamb bungs, livers, oesophagi, pancreas glands, penises, sinews, spleens, tails, testicles, thymus glands, thyroid glands and tracheae etc.

## 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 that passed ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection at the time of slaughter.
- 8.4 The products have been frozen to a temperature of -180C.

9. BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

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

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