

Part 2A Beef Products processed in Non-RMP Premises

Refer also to Part 1: General

2A.1 Application

- (1) Beef products processed in non-RMP premises for human consumption.

2A.2 Definitions

- (1) Food Control Plan (FCP) is as defined in the Food Act 2014.

2A.3 Prohibitions and Restrictions

No known or agreed additional requirements. Exporters should check with the importer or agent.

2A.4 Official Approvals

- (1) Beef products that are processed in non-RMP premises are able to be exported to Australia without MPI export certificates if they meet the following criteria:
 - a) The beef must be sourced from cattle born, raised and slaughtered in New Zealand or Australia.
 - b) The operator or exporter must be a registered exporter with MPI.
 - c) The beef products must be produced under an MPI-approved food control plan (FCP).

Since 1 March 2016, all Food Safety Programmes (FSPs) are deemed to be Food Control Plans (FCPs). Operators will need to refer to FCPs instead of FSPs and should ensure they are aware of the changes.

- d) The beef used in the products must be sourced from:
 - i) premises operating a registered risk management programme (RMP); or
 - ii) premises operating an FCP and listed to export to Australia under this arrangement (Australia: Food control plans); or
 - iii) beef imported direct from Australia.
- (2) The operator needs to make specific provisions in a documented programme for identifying the origin and source of all beef used in the product and for the clear separation of the beef used in the products from any non-New Zealand and non-Australian beef on the premises. The documented programme must also identify any exporter used if the operator is not exporting directly from the premises.
- (3) The operator must ensure that an external audit is carried out on the documented programme at least annually to verify the origin and source of all beef used in the products and, where relevant, verify the clear separation of the beef used in the products from any non-New Zealand and non-Australian beef on the premises.
- (4) The operation must be specifically listed with MPI to participate in this arrangement. To become listed use the application form FA3: New country listing for the export of beef products produced under a Food Control Plan to Australia. An initial external audit must be completed by an MPI-approved auditor covering points 2A4.(1) to 2A.4.(5). The application form is to be signed off by the auditor.
- (5) If operators are not exporting product themselves they must notify on the listing application form details of the registered exporter they propose to use.

- (6) Exports may commence when the operator or exporter receives the listing confirmation letter from MPI.
- (7) Any change in the listing details (legal operator name, physical address) or any change of registered exporter (if a separate agent is used) must be notified to MPI using the form [FA4: Change to details of the current country listing for the export of beef products produced under a Food Control Plan to Australia](#).
- (8) The operator and/or exporter will be subject to random audits by the MPI compliance staff.
- (9) The Australian authorities do not issue import permits for beef and beef products.

2A.5 Processing Requirements

No known or agreed additional requirements for 2A.5 and 2A.6. Exporters should check with the importer or agent.

2A.6 Sampling and Testing

2A.7 Packaging and Labelling

- (1) Cartons must only contain beef products eligible for export to Australia under this arrangement.
- (2) The beef products are to be clearly labelled on the outermost wrapping of the largest packaged unit with:
 - a) the date of processing; and
 - b) the MPI FCP registration number (as shown on the MPI FCP approval certificate), and
 - c) the name and address of the processing premises; and
 - d) 'Product of New Zealand'.

2A.8 Storage and Transport

No known or agreed additional requirements. Exporters should check with the importer or agent.

2A.9 Official Assurances

- (1) Certification is not required for beef that complies with this Part's provisions.