



# Import Health Standard

## Personal Consignments Animal Products

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- b) *Import Health Standard for Specified Animal Products and Biologicals, INEPROIC.ALL:*  
Clause 6.22
- c) *Import Health Standard for Specified Foods for Human Consumptions Containing Animal Products, EDIPROIC.ALL:*  
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## Introduction

This introduction is not part of the Import Health Standard (IHS), but is intended to indicate its general effect.

## Purpose

This IHS specifies the minimum requirements that must be met when importing personal consignments of animal products into New Zealand.

## Background

The Biosecurity Act 1993 (the Act) provides the legal basis for excluding, eradicating and effectively managing pests and unwanted organisms.

Import health standards issued under the Act set out requirements to be met to effectively manage biosecurity risks associated with importing goods. They include requirements that must be met in the exporting country, during transit, and during importation, before biosecurity clearance can be given.

Guidance accompanies this IHS as guidance boxes throughout the IHS itself. Guidance provides information on how the requirements may be met.

## Who should read this Import Health Standard?

This IHS applies to importers of personal consignments of animal products.

## Why is this important?

It is the importer's responsibility to ensure the requirements of this IHS are met. Consignments that do not comply with the requirements of this IHS may not be cleared for entry into New Zealand and/or further information may be sought from importers. Consignments that do not comply with the requirements of this IHS may be re-shipped or destroyed under the Act or tested/treated in accordance with this IHS prior to release or equivalence determined. Importers are liable for all associated expenses.

The costs to MPI in performing functions relating to the importation of personal consignments of animal products will be recovered in accordance with the Act and any regulations made under the Act. All costs involved with documentation, transport, storage and obtaining a biosecurity clearance must be covered by the importer or agent.

## Equivalence

The Chief Technical Officer (CTO) may issue a direction under section 27(1)(d) of the Act that measures different from those set out in this IHS may be applied to effectively manage risks associated with the importation of these goods.

If an equivalent measure is approved, an import permit may be issued under section 24D(2) of the Act if the Director-General considers it appropriate to do so. The details of the CTO direction on equivalence will be included as notes in the special conditions section of the permit to inform the inspector's assessment of the commodity.

MPI's preference is that the exporting country's Competent Authority makes equivalence requests. Equivalence requests can be lodged with [animal.imports@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:animal.imports@mpi.govt.nz).

## Biosecurity clearance

A biosecurity clearance, under section 26 of the Act, may be issued when the personal consignments of animal products meet all the requirements of this IHS, provided the applicable requirements of section 27 in the Act are met.

## Inspection

On arrival, all documentation accompanying the consignment will be verified by an inspector.

## Document History

Refer to Schedule 1.

## Other information

This is not an exhaustive list of compliance requirements and it is the importer's responsibility to be familiar with and comply with all New Zealand laws.

### CITES

It is the responsibility of the importer to ensure that the consignment is accompanied by any permit(s) required to meet the legislation of the country of origin and the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) <http://www.cites.org>. See the Department of Conservation for further details <http://www.doc.govt.nz/about-doc/role/international/endangered-species/>.

The importer is advised to clarify the status of the species of animal in relation to international agreements on their trade, prior to export. Material arriving in New Zealand without the relevant CITES permits may be subject to seizure by the New Zealand Department of Conservation.

Any requirement for CITES or other conservation-related documentation must be met by the exporter/importer.

### Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and new organisms

Importers of new organisms must meet all requirements of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act 1996.

Before an inspector can authorise a new organism to go to a containment facility, the EPA must have given approval for importation of that organism into containment in accordance with the HSNO Act.

## Part 1: Requirements

### 1.1 Application

- (1) This IHS applies to all importers of personal consignments (see definition in *Schedule 2*) of animal products from all countries, into New Zealand.

### 1.2 Incorporation by reference

- (1) The following international standards are incorporated by reference in this IHS under section 142M of the Act:
  - a) The OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* (the *Code*), available at the OIE Website: <http://www.oie.int/international-standard-setting/terrestrial-code/access-online/>.
- (2) The following material is incorporated by reference in this IHS under section 142M of the Act:
  - a) [\*MPI Approved Biosecurity Treatments, MPI-STD-ABTRT\*](#).
  - b) [\*OIE list of FMD-free countries\*](#).
- (3) Under section 142O(3) of the Act it is declared that section 142O(1) does not apply. That is, a notice under section 142O(2) of the Act is not required to be published before any amendments to or replacements of the material incorporated under clauses 1.2(1) above has legal effect as part of this IHS.

#### Guidance

- Incorporation by reference means that standards, guidelines or lists are incorporated into the IHS and they form part of the requirements.

### 1.3 Definitions

- (1) For the purposes of this IHS and the associated guidance, terms used that are defined in the Act have the meanings set out there. The Act is available at <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/>.
- (2) See Schedule 2 for additional definitions that apply.

### 1.4 Import permit information

- (1) An import permit under section 24D of the Act issued by the Director-General is required if a CTO has approved an equivalent measure prior to import, different from that set in this IHS that may be applied to effectively manage risks.

#### Guidance

- Completed applications can be submitted to Animal Imports [animal.imports@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:animal.imports@mpi.govt.nz)
- Application form link: [\*Permit Application for Animal Products\*](#)

### 1.5 The documentation that must accompany goods

- (1) The consignment must arrive in New Zealand with the documentation that is specified in, and meets the requirements of clauses 1.5.1 to 1.5.2 (as applicable) below.

- (2) All documentation that is required by this clause 1.5 to accompany honey from Niue, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu, honey and propolis from Pitcairn Island, or non-viable whole animal specimen, must, unless otherwise stated:
- a) Be original
  - b) Accompany the imported goods.
  - c) Be in English or have an English translation that is clear and legible.

### 1.5.1 Veterinary certificate

- (1) A veterinary certificate. The veterinary certificate must include the following:
- a) A unique consignment identifier.
  - b) The description, source species, and amount of product.
  - c) The name and address of the importer (consignee) and exporter (consignor).
  - d) The name, signature and contact details of the Official Veterinarian.
  - e) Endorsement on every page by the Official Veterinarian with their original stamp, signature and date or endorsement in the space allocated and all pages have paper based alternative security features.
  - f) Certification by the Official Veterinarian that the requirements outlined in clauses 2.2.2(1) or 2.2.3(1) in this IHS have been met.

### 1.5.2 Certificate of irradiation (applicable to whole animal specimen only)

- (1) A certificate of irradiation. The certificate must include the following:
- a) A unique consignment identifier.
  - b) The description, source species, and amount of product.
  - c) The name and address of the importer (consignee) and exporter (consignor).
  - d) The name, signature and contact details of a government official or a person from a recognised institution.
  - e) Endorsement on every page by a government official or a person of a recognised institution with their signature and date.
  - f) Certification by a government official or a person from a recognised institution that the requirements outlined in clauses 3.5(1)c) in this IHS have been met.

## Part 2: Specified Requirements for Goods for Human Consumption Containing Animal Products

### Guidance for Part 2

- Goods for human consumption containing animal products intended for testing, evaluation, public distribution or consumption, or commercial purposes are not considered personal consignments.
- They must either comply with a commodity-specific IHS, or be imported under the following IHSs into an MPI-approved transitional facility:
  - *IHS: Biological Products (Including Samples)* for biological analysis.
  - *IHS: Microorganisms from All Countries* for microbiological enrichment and analysis.

## 2.1 Aquatic animal products

### 2.1.1 Aquatic animal products (including Crustaceans, Echinodermata, any fish, jellyfish, molluscs, tunicates, and their products)

- (1) Personal consignments of aquatic animal products (including Crustaceans, Echinodermata, any fish, jellyfish, molluscs, tunicates, and their products) may be imported:
- a) From Pacific Island countries (see definition in *Schedule 2*) in any form provided the following requirements are met:
    - i) The aquatic animal product is non-viable.
    - ii) The total weight is 20 kilograms or less.
  - b) From all other countries provided the following requirements are met:
    - i) The total weight of the aquatic animal product is 10 kilograms or less; and
    - ii) The product is consumer-ready (see guidance below), or the product is unprocessed fish with gut removed.

### Guidance 2.1.1

- Consumer-ready product means:
  - The product is ready for the end user to cook or consume.
  - The product is commercially prepared and packaged.
- Examples of Crustaceans are crabs, lobsters, prawns, and shrimp.
- Examples of Echinodermata are sea urchins and sea cucumbers.
- Examples of molluscs are pāua and abalone.
- Examples of tunicates are sea squirts, sea pineapples, and *Styela clava*.
- Fish products include egg/roe and egg/roe products.
- Imports of trout is prohibited by the Customs Import Prohibition (Trout) Order 2018.

### 2.1.2 Salmonid and salmonid products

- (1) Personal consignments of salmonid and salmonid products that do not meet clause 2.1.1(1) b) may be imported provided the following requirements are met:
- a) The product originates from Australia, Canada, the EU, Norway, and the USA.
  - b) The product has its head, gills and gut removed.
  - c) The total weight of the consignment is 20 kilograms or less.



### 2.1.3 Palolo worms

- (1) Personal consignments of palolo worms (*Palola viridis*) in any form may be imported from any country provided the total weight of the consignment is 10 kilograms or less.

## 2.2 Bee products

### 2.2.1 Beverages containing bee products

- (1) Personal consignments of beverages containing bee products may be imported from any country provided:
  - a) The total quantity of the consignment is 3 bottles or less; and
  - b) The product is a commercially manufactured and bottled beverage containing at least 20% alcohol according to the label; or
    - i) The product is a commercially manufactured and bottled honey mead or energy drink.

### 2.2.2 Honey from Niue, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu

- (1) Personal consignments of honey may be imported from Niue, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu provided the product is accompanied by a veterinary certificate stating the following:
  - a) The honey originates from that country.
  - b) The country is free from European foulbrood caused by *Melissococcus plutonius*.

### 2.2.3 Honey and propolis from Pitcairn Island

- (1) Personal consignments of honey may be imported from Pitcairn Island provided the product is accompanied by a veterinary certificate stating the following:
  - a) The honey and propolis within the export consignment is a natural product derived from the honey bee (*Apis mellifera*).
  - b) The honey originates from Pitcairn Island.
  - c) *Melissococcus plutonius* and *Paenibacillus larvae* do not occur in the country of origin.

### 2.2.4 Processed foods containing bee products

- (1) Personal consignments of dry tea bags containing honey powder may be imported from any country provided the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product does not require refrigeration before the package is opened.
  - b) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
  - c) The package has not been opened or broken.
  - d) The total quantity of the consignment is 1 box (50 servings) or less.
- (2) Personal consignments of baked, boiled or fried foods containing honey, propolis, bee pollen and/or royal jelly may be imported from any country provided the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product does not require refrigeration before the package is opened.
  - b) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
  - c) The package has not been opened or broken.
  - d) The total weight of the consignment is 10 kilograms or less.
- (3) Personal consignments of nougat containing bee products may be imported from any country provided the total weight of the consignment is 10 kilograms or less.
- (4) Personal consignments of processed foods containing honey, bee pollen and/royal jelly may be imported from any country provided the packaging clearly indicates that the total amount of honey, bee pollen and/royal jelly is no more than 2% of the totally product weight.

### 2.2.5 Honey of New Zealand origin

- (1) Personal consignments of honey of New Zealand origin may be imported provided the following requirements are met:
- The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
  - The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.
  - New Zealand is clearly identifiable as the country of origin on the packaging.
  - The total weight of the honey is 2 kilograms or less.

#### Guidance for 2.2.5

- Personal consignments of honey may be given biosecurity clearance if the MPI inspectors are satisfied with the authenticity of labelling or packaging stating the honey is of New Zealand origin.

### 2.3 Canned or retorted animal products

- (1) Personal consignments of canned or retorted animal products may be imported from any country provided the following requirements are met:
- The product does not require refrigeration before the package is opened.
  - The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
  - The package has not been opened or broken.
  - The product is hermetically sealed in metal cans, retort pouches, glass jars or other retort packaging.
  - The total weight of animal products is 2 kilograms or less.

#### Guidance for 2.3

- Canned or retorted animal products are containers that are:
  - Rigid (e.g. metal, glass) or flexible (e.g. flexible retort pouch) or semi-rigid (e.g. paperboard package).
  - Hermetically sealed.
  - Heat-treated in the container so that no refrigeration is required until they are opened.
- Consignments containing edible bird's nest may be inspected.
  - Edible bird's nest may be instant or natural.
  - Processed bird's nest products that are ready-to-eat can be regarded as retorted products. They are commonly referred as instant bird's nests.
  - Natural bird's nests that are fresh, dry or raw are not regarded as retorted.

### 2.4 Collagen products (edible)

- (1) Personal consignments of edible collagen products may be imported from any country provided the following requirements are met:
- The product does not require refrigeration before the package is opened.
  - The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
  - The package has not been opened or broken.

#### Guidance for 2.4

- An example of edible collagen products is manufactured sausage casings.
- See 3.4 for collagen products that are used as therapeutic products.
- This clause does not apply to natural sausage casings derived from the intestinal tract of animals.

## 2.5 Composite products

### Guidance for 2.5

- Composite products are products that contain a combination of animal products (e.g. meat, dairy, egg, fish, insect, etc.). For a composite product to be given biosecurity clearance, it has to either meet:
  - The requirements in 2.5.1-2.5.3 for specified commodities; or
  - All requirements that are relevant to each constituent animal product described elsewhere in this IHS.

### 2.5.1 Biscuits, bread, cakes, confectionery, crackers, mooncakes and puddings containing dairy and/or egg products

- (1) Personal consignments of biscuits, bread, cakes, confectionery, crackers and puddings containing dairy and/or egg products may be imported from any country.
- (2) Personal consignments of mooncakes containing whole egg (see definition in *Schedule 2*) may be imported from any country provided the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product does not require refrigeration before the package is opened.
  - b) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
  - c) The package has not been opened or broken.
  - d) The product does not contain any meat or meat product fillings.
  - e) The total weight of the consignment is 10 kilograms or less.

### 2.5.2 Cake, pudding, sauce or baking mixes containing dairy and/or egg products

- (1) Personal consignments of cake/pudding/sauce baking mixes containing dairy and/or egg products may be imported from any country provided the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product does not require refrigeration before the package is opened.
  - b) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
  - c) The package has not been opened or broken.

### 2.5.3 Dietary protein supplements containing dairy and/or egg products

- (1) Personal consignments of dietary protein supplements containing dairy and/or egg products may be imported from any country provided the product is 1 kilogram or less.

## 2.6 Dairy products

### 2.6.1 Dairy products and products containing dairy ingredients

- (1) Personal consignments of dairy products and products containing dairy ingredients may be imported from any country provided the total weight of the consignment is 2 kilograms or less.

### 2.6.2 Homemade ghee from Fiji

- (1) Personal consignments of homemade ghee from Fiji may be imported provided the total weight of the consignment is 20 kilograms or less.

### 2.6.3 Dairy products of New Zealand origin

- (1) Personal consignments of New Zealand origin dairy products may be imported from any country provided the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.

- b) The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.
- c) New Zealand is clearly identifiable as the country of origin on the packaging.
- d) The total weight of the consignment is 20 kilograms or less.

## 2.7 Egg products

### 2.7.1 Alcoholic drinks containing chicken egg yolk

- (1) Personal consignments of alcoholic drinks (including egg liqueur, advocaat, avocet or advokat) containing chicken egg yolk may be imported from any country provided the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product does not require refrigeration before the package is opened.
  - b) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
  - c) The package has not been opened or broken.
  - d) The product contains at least 14% alcohol.

### 2.7.2 Alkalised chicken or duck eggs

- (1) Personal consignments of alkalised chicken or duck eggs may be imported from any country provided the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product does not require refrigeration before the package is opened.
  - b) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
  - c) The package has not been opened or broken.

### 2.7.3 Hard-boiled whole chicken eggs

- (1) Personal consignments of hard-boiled whole chicken eggs that are thoroughly cooked may be imported from any country.

#### Guidance for 2.7.3

- The requirement may apply to hard-boiled whole chicken eggs contained in sandwiches and salads.
- Thoroughly cooked eggs are in solid state without any liquid component.
- For a shell-on egg, thorough cooking may be demonstrated by removing its shell.

### 2.7.4 Mayonnaise and salad dressings containing egg ingredients

- (1) Personal consignments of mayonnaise and salad dressings containing egg products may be imported from any country provided the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product does not require refrigeration before the package is opened.
  - b) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
  - c) The package has not been opened or broken.
  - d) The egg product is 10% or less as stated on the product label.
  - e) The total weight of the consignment is 1 kilogram or less.

### 2.7.5 Pasta and noodles containing egg ingredients

- (1) Personal consignments of pasta and noodles containing egg products may be imported from any country provided the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product does not require refrigeration before the package is opened.
  - b) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
  - c) The package has not been opened or broken.

### 2.7.6 Products containing less than 5% egg ingredients

- (1) Personal consignments of products containing less than 5% egg product may be imported from any country provided the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
  - b) The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.
  - c) The product packaging states the product contains less than 5% egg product.
  - d) The total weight of the consignment is 1 kilogram or less.

### 2.7.7 Egg products of New Zealand origin

- (1) Personal consignments of New Zealand origin egg products may be imported from any country provided the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
  - b) The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.
  - c) New Zealand is clearly identifiable as the country of origin on the packaging.
  - d) The total weight of the consignment is 20 kilograms or less.

## 2.8 Insect and arachnid based products

- (1) Personal consignments of insect and arachnid based products may be imported from any country provided the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product does not require refrigeration before the package is opened.
  - b) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
  - c) The package has not been opened or broken.
  - d) The product does not contain viable insects and arachnids.
  - e) The total weight of the consignment is 500 grams or less.

## 2.9 Meat and meat products

### 2.9.1 Alligator and crocodile meat and meat products

- (1) Personal consignments of alligator and crocodile meat and meat products may be imported from Australia and the United States of America provided the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product does not require refrigeration before the package is opened.
  - b) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
  - c) The package has not been opened or broken.
  - d) The country of origin is identifiable from the packaging.
  - e) The total weight of the consignment is 20 kilograms or less.

### 2.9.2 Animal product-based flavours or stock

- (1) Personal consignments of animal product-based flavours or stock, and any products containing animal product-based flavours or stock, may be imported from any country provided the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product does not require refrigeration before the package is opened.
  - b) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
  - c) The package has not been opened or broken.
  - d) The product does not require further cooking before consumption, but may require rehydration or reheating prior to consumption.
  - e) The total weight of the consignment is 1 kilogram or less.

#### Guidance for 2.9.2

- Examples of products containing meat-based flavours or stock include but are not limited to instant noodles, instant pasta meals, camping meals, and soup mixes.

### 2.9.3 Cured meat products

- (1) Personal consignments of cured ruminant meat products (see definition in *Schedule 2*) may be imported provided the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product does not require refrigeration before the package is opened.
  - b) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged in an FMD-free country (refer to the [OIE List of FMD-free Member Countries](#)).
  - c) The country of manufacture must be clearly stated on the package label.
  - d) The total weight of the consignment is 1 kilogram or less.
- (2) Personal consignments of cured pig meat products may be imported provided either:
  - a) The product is jerky; and
    - i) The product does not require refrigeration before the package is opened.
    - ii) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged in an FMD-free country (see guidance on the [OIE List of FMD-free Member Countries](#) below).
    - iii) The country of manufacture must be clearly stated on the package label.
    - iv) The total weight of the consignment is 1 kilogram or less; or
  - b) The product is not a jerky; and
    - i) The product does not require refrigeration before the package is opened.
    - ii) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged in an ASF-, CSF- and FMD- free country (see guidance below); and
    - iii) The country of manufacture must be clearly stated on the package label; and
    - iv) The total weight of the consignment is 1 kilogram or less.
- (3) Personal consignments of cured poultry meat products may be imported provided the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product does not require refrigeration before the package is opened.
  - b) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
  - c) The package has not been opened or broken.
  - d) The total weight of the consignment is 1 kilogram or less.

#### Guidance for 2.9.3

- Ruminant animals include cattle, sheep, goats, buffalo, deer, elk and camels.
- For the purposes of this IHS, FMD-free countries include countries listed in these sections of the [OIE List of FMD-free Member Countries](#):
  - FMD-free where vaccination is not practised; and
  - FMD-free where vaccination is practised.
- For the purposes of this IHS, FMD-, ASF- and CSF-free countries are:
  - Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, New Caledonia, Norway, Paraguay, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

### 2.9.4 Gelatine and gelatine products

- (1) Personal consignments of gelatine and gelatine products may be imported from any country provided the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product does not require refrigeration before the package is opened.

- b) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
- c) The package has not been opened or broken.

### 2.9.5 Meat floss

- (1) Personal consignments of meat floss may be imported from any country provided the following requirements are met:
- a) The product does not require refrigeration before the package is opened.
  - b) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
  - c) The package has not been opened or broken.
  - d) The product is very finely shredded and has no identifiable meat pieces.
  - e) The total weight of the consignment is 1 kilogram or less.

### 2.9.6 Meat and meat products from specified countries

- (1) Personal consignments of meat and meat products may be imported if they have been manufactured in specified countries as per the following table and the following requirements are met:
- a) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
  - b) The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.
  - c) The country of manufacture is identifiable from the packaging.
  - d) The total weight of the consignment is 20 kilograms or less.

	Country of Manufacture			
	Australia	Canada and USA	European Union, Switzerland and Norway	Vanuatu and Japan
Pork	✓	-	Finland, Sweden and Switzerland only	-
Beef	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kangaroo	✓	-	-	-
Possum	✓	-	-	-
Rabbit	-	-	✓	-
Lamb/mutton	✓	-	✓	-
Goat	✓	-	✓	-
Venison	✓	-	✓	-

#### Guidance for 2.9.6

- Beef refers to meat derived from cattle, bison or buffalo species, and inter-species crosses thereof.

### 2.9.7 Pork crackling

- (1) Personal consignments of pork crackling may be imported from any country provided the following requirements are met:
- a) The product does not require refrigeration before the package is opened.

- b) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
- c) The package has not been opened or broken.
- d) The total weight of the consignment is 1 kilogram or less.

**Guidance for 2.9.7**

- These requirements only apply to crackling of porcine origin.

## 2.9.8 Products containing less than 5% meat ingredients

- (1) Personal consignments of products containing less than 5% meat ingredients may be imported from any country provided the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product does not require refrigeration before the package is opened.
  - b) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
  - c) The package has not been opened or broken.
  - d) The product packaging states the product contains less than 5% meat products.
  - e) The total weight of the consignment is 1 kilogram or less.

## 2.9.9 Meat and meat products of New Zealand origin

- (1) Personal consignments of New Zealand origin meat and meat products may be imported from any country provided all of the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
  - b) The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.
  - c) New Zealand is clearly identified as the country of origin on the packaging.
  - d) The total weight of the consignment is 20 kilograms or less.

## 2.10 Microorganisms and enzymes used in food

- (1) Personal consignments of microorganisms used in food, or products containing or derived from microorganisms used in food, may be imported provided the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
  - b) The microorganisms:
    - i) Have been deemed to be present in New Zealand by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act; and
    - ii) Are not unwanted organisms under the Biosecurity Act 1993; and
    - iii) Are not genetically modified.

(see guidance below for a list of eligible microorganisms)
- (2) Personal consignments of enzymes used in food, or products containing enzymes used in food, may be imported provided the product is commercially manufactured and packaged.

**Guidance for 2.10**

- Requirements for microorganisms and enzymes used in food may apply to:
  - Probiotics (see definition in *Schedule 2*), or products containing probiotics.
  - Brewers yeast, baker's yeast or any other yeast products used in food.
  - Food cultures, enzymes or starters such as microorganisms used in the making of yoghurt, cheese and sausage cultures, enzymes or starters.
- The below listed non-genetically modified microorganisms are eligible for importation. An import permit is not required for these microorganisms.
  - *Aspergillus niger*



- *Aspergillus oryzae*
- *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens*
- *Bacillus cereus*
- *Bacillus coagulans* (previously also known as *Lactobacillus sporogenes*)
- *Bacillus laterosporus* (syn: *Brevibacillus laterosporus*)
- *Bacillus licheniformis*
- *Bacillus megaterium*
- *Bacillus polymyxa* (syn: *Paenibacillus polymyxa*)
- *Bacillus subtilis*
- *Bifidobacterium animalis*
- *Bifidobacterium bifidum*
- *Bifidobacterium breve*
- *Bifidobacterium lactis*
- *Bifidobacterium longum* (previously also known as *Bifidobacterium infantis*)
- *Bifidobacterium thermophilum*
- *Brevibacillus laterosporus*
- *Clostridium butyricum*
- *Enterococcus faecium*
- *Enterococcus faecalis*
- *Escherichia coli* (Nissle 1917)
- *Lactobacillus acidophilus*
- *Lactobacillus brevis*
- *Lactobacillus buchneri*
- *Lactobacillus bulgaricus*
- *Lactobacillus casei*
- *Lactobacillus delbrueckii* (*lactis*)
- *Lactobacillus fermentum*
- *Lactobacillus gasseri*
- *Lactobacillus helveticus*
- *Lactobacillus kefir*
- *Lactobacillus paracasei*
- *Lactobacillus plantarum*
- *Lactobacillus reuteri*
- *Lactobacillus rhamnosus*
- *Lactobacillus sakei*
- *Lactobacillus salivarius*
- *Lactococcus lactis* (syn: *Streptococcus lactis*)
- *Leuconostoc mesenteroides* subsp *cremoris*
- *Paenibacillus polymyxa*
- *Pediococcus acidilactici*
- *Pediococcus pentosaceus*
- *Propionibacterium shermanii*
- *Rhodopseudomonas palustris*
- *Rhodobacter sphaeroides* (syn: *Rhodopseudomonas sphaeroides*)
- *Saccharomyces boulardii*
- *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*
- *Saccharomyces pastorianus*
- *Streptococcus salivarius* K12
- *Streptococcus thermophilus*

## 2.11 Velvet antler from cervine animals

- (1) Personal consignments of velvet antler from cervine animals may be imported from Australia, the European Union and New Caledonia provided the following requirements are met:
- a) The product does not require refrigeration before the package is opened.
  - b) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
  - c) The package has not been opened or broken.
  - d) The country of origin is identifiable from the packaging.
  - e) The total weight of the consignment is 1 kilogram or less.

### Guidance for 2.11

- Cervine include: deer, elk, moose and reindeer (caribou).
- Velvet antler is antler that has not been calcified and has not finished developing. It is covered in a hairy, velvet-like "skin", and its tines are rounded.

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## Part 3: Specified Requirements for Non-Food Goods Containing Animal Products

### Guidance for Part 3

- Non-food goods containing animal products intended for testing, evaluation, public distribution or consumption, or commercial purposes are not considered personal consignments.
- They must either comply with a commodity-specific IHS, or be imported under the following IHSs into an MPI-approved transitional facility:
  - *IHS: Biological Products (Including Samples)* for biological analysis.
  - *IHS: Microorganisms from All Countries* for microbiological enrichment and analysis.

### 3.1 Bee products

- (1) Personal consignments of beeswax and beeswax products (e.g. beeswax polish, candles, crayons, ear candles, fire logs, lubricants and surf wax) may be imported provided the following requirements are met:
  - a) The product is not foundation beeswax or any other product associated with the beekeeping industry.
  - b) The product is commercially manufactured.
- (2) Personal consignments of cosmetics containing honey, pollen or royal jelly from any country may be imported provided the product is commercially manufactured and packaged.

### Guidance for 3.1(1)

- Didgeridoos with natural beeswax coating and mouthpieces can be given biosecurity clearance without any treatment or inspection.
- See 3.4 for dietary supplements and medical preparations containing bee products.

### 3.2 Commercially manufactured items

- (1) Personal consignments of commercially manufactured items listed below may be imported from:
  - a) Any country:
    - i) Animal skin/hide glue.
    - ii) Apparel, carpets, fabric, yarn/wool, etc. containing animal fibres such as wool, mohair, angora, cashmere, alpaca, etc.
    - iii) Items containing feathers that are free from visible contamination.
    - iv) Lanolin and lanolin based products.
    - v) Gelatine and gelatine products (non-food) that are commercially packaged.
    - vi) Numdah rugs that are free of contaminants such as seeds.
    - vii) Paint brushes, shaving brushes, hair brushes, musical instruments (e.g. bows, bow strips), etc. containing bristles and hair of animal origin.
    - viii) Parchment or vellum.
    - ix) Processed silk fibres (excluding cocoons).
  - b) Australia:
    - i) Rennet that is commercially packaged.

#### Guidance for 3.2

- Commercially manufactured items containing feathers include, but are not limited to; down jackets, dusters, duvets, dyed boas, hats, fishing flies, quilts, pillows, shuttlecocks, feathers for musical instruments, cultural performance items, handicrafts, and artefacts.
- See 3.3 for requirements for non-commercially manufactured animal fibre such as wool and feathers.

### 3.3 Fibre

#### 3.3.1 Animal fibre

- (1) Personal consignments of animal fibre or wool may be imported provided the following requirements are met:
- a) The product is washed.
  - b) The product is free from visible contamination (see definition in *Schedule 2*).
  - c) The total weight of the consignment is 20 kilograms or less.

#### Guidance 3.3.1

- Animal fibre or wool may derive from any animal species (e.g. sheep, goats, dogs, cats, rabbit, yaks, horses, camels, alpacas, and llamas).
- The requirements may apply to horse tails.
- Visibly contaminated or unprocessed animal fibre or wool may be moved to a transitional facility and treated as follows:
  - Removal of visible contamination, followed by:
    - i) Gamma irradiation at a dose of 25 kGy or 2.5 Mrad; or
    - ii) Steam sterilisation at 120°C for at least 30 minutes; or
    - iii) Heating to 85°C at 40% relative humidity for at least 15 hours; or
    - iv) Fumigation with formalin (37% formaldehyde) at a rate of 50 ml/m<sup>3</sup> mixed with potassium permanganate at a concentration of 35 g/m<sup>3</sup> at 80-90% humidity in a sealed container for 24 hours in accordance with the OIE Code (Note: This option is only for fibre with no embedded seeds); and
  - If live insects are present and the fibre has not been heat treated as described in clause 3.3.1(2)a ii) or iii) above, then the fibre must be treated in accordance with *MPI Approved Biosecurity Treatments, MPI-STD-ABTRT* to eliminate insects.

#### 3.3.2 Feathers

- (1) Feathers that are washed or are clean may be imported from any country.

#### Guidance 3.3.2

- Contaminated feathers may be moved to a transitional facility and treated as follow:
  - Fumigation with formalin (10% formaldehyde) for 8 hours in accordance with *MPI Approved Biosecurity Treatments, MPI-STD-ABTRT*; or
  - Gamma irradiation with a dose of 20 kGy in accordance with *MPI Approved Biosecurity Treatments, MPI-STD-ABTRT*.

### 3.4 Therapeutic products for human use

- (1) Personal consignments of therapeutic products for human use including dietary supplements, health supplements, Chinese and oriental medicines, or homeopathic remedies from any country, may be imported provided they meet the following requirements:
- a) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
  - b) The packaging indicates that the product is intended for human use.
  - c) If the product is:
    - i) A beverage containing an animal (including vertebrates and invertebrates) or animal tissues preserved in alcohol, the animal or animal tissues must be non-viable (see definition in *Schedule 2*).
    - ii) Cordyceps (non-viable caterpillars that have been parasitised by a fungus): must be non-viable and free from visible contamination.
    - iii) Surgical implants: the packaging must state that the product is sterile.
  - d) If the product is a dietary supplement or medical preparation containing bee products, it must be:
    - i) A dietary supplement that:
      - 1) Is commercially manufactured; and
      - 2) Is in packaging that clearly indicates that the total amount of honey, bee pollen and/royal jelly is no more than 2% of the totally product weight; or
    - ii) An encapsulated (completely covered by an edible substance such as gelatine or wax that does not contain sugar, fruit, honey, pollen, propolis or royal jelly) dietary supplement that:
      - 1) Is in consumer-ready packages; and
      - 2) Is 1 kilogram or less per consignment; or
    - iii) A dermatological preparation that is 1 kilogram or less per consignment; or
    - iv) A refined bee venom product that:
      - 1) Does not contain honey, pollen or royal jelly; and
      - 2) Is commercially manufactured and packaged; or
    - v) A refined propolis product that:
      - 1) Does not contain honey, pollen or royal jelly; and
      - 2) Is in consumer-ready packages; or
    - vi) A medical preparation not listed above that:
      - 1) Is commercially manufactured; and
      - 2) Is 12 packages or less per consignment.

#### Guidance for 3.4

- Consumer-ready product means:
  - The product is ready for the end user to consume.
  - The product is commercially prepared and packaged.
- Examples of therapeutic products for human use include: antibiotics, bioprosthetic devices, chondroitin sulphate, dermatan sulphate, glucosamine sulphate, heparin, heparanoid, hydrolysed collagen, inactivated vaccines, medicines, and surgical implants/equipment.
- Examples of medical preparations containing bee products include: antibiotic ointments, breath sprays, cough syrups, healing creams, medicated plasters, toothpaste, and throat lozenges.
- MedSafe has definitions for the different types of therapeutic product in this document: <http://www.medsafe.govt.nz/regulatory/Guideline/GRTPNZ/overview-of-therapeutic-product-regulation.pdf>

- MedSafe has requirements for personal importation of medicines: <http://www.medsafe.govt.nz/consumers/miet/importmedicines.asp>

### 3.5 Non-viable animal products or specimens

- (1) The following personal consignments of non-viable animal products or specimens may be imported from any country:
  - a) Preserved marine or fresh waters molluscs, including clams, oysters, mussels and abalone, may be imported from any country provided they are fixed in formalin.
  - b) Whole animal specimens and specimens of animal tissues that are preserved in liquid formalin or alcohol.
  - c) Whole animal specimens accompanied by a certificate of irradiation issued by a government official or a recognised institution stating that the whole animal specimens:
    - i) Have been subjected to a minimum dose of 5 mrad (50 kgray).
    - ii) Have been sealed in a hermetically sealed container.
  - d) Dried invertebrates that are free of visible contamination.
  - e) Invertebrates preserved in liquid formalin, alcohol or embedded in amber, resin or similar solid coating.
  - f) Commercially prepared insects in glass display cases.

#### Guidance 3.5(1)d)

- Contaminated dried invertebrates may be moved to a transitional facility and treated in accordance with *MPI Approved Biosecurity Treatments, MPI-STD-ABTRT*.

## Part 4: Specified Requirements for Goods Containing Animal Products for Animal Consumption and Other Uses

### Guidance for Part 4

- Goods containing animal products for animal use intended for testing, evaluation, public distribution or consumption, or commercial purposes are not considered personal consignments.
- They must either comply with a commodity-specific IHS, or be imported under the following IHSs into an MPI-approved transitional facility:
  - IHS: *Biological Products (Including Samples)* for biological analysis.
  - IHS: *Microorganisms from All Countries* for microbiological enrichment and analysis.

### 4.1 *Artemia salina* and *Artemia franciscana*

- (1) Personal consignments of *Artemia salina* and *Artemia franciscana*, or their hybrids to be used as aquatic animal or fish food may be imported provided the *Artemia* species is noted on the packaging.

### Guidance for 4.1

- *Artemia salina* and *Artemia franciscana*, or their hybrids, are traded as Sea-Monkeys.

### 4.2 Fish bait

- (1) Personal consignments of fish bait may be imported provided the following requirements are met:
- a) The product does not require refrigeration before the package is opened.
  - b) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
  - c) The package has not been opened or broken.

### 4.3 Food for companion animals

- (1) Personal consignments of animal food derived from any animal species and from any country may be imported provided:
- a) The product does not require refrigeration before the package is opened.
  - b) The product is commercially manufactured and packaged.
  - c) The package has not been opened or broken.
  - d) The product is labelled for animal consumption.
  - e) The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival.
  - f) The total weight of the consignment is either:
    - i) 2 units or less for vitamin/mineral tablets; or
    - ii) 1 kilogram or less for vitamin/mineral powder; or
    - iii) 1 litre or less for vitamin/mineral solution; or
    - iv) 5 kilograms or less for all other food for companion animals products.
  - g) If the product contains viable microorganisms, the microorganisms:
    - i) Have been deemed to be present in New Zealand by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act; and
    - ii) Are not unwanted organisms under the Biosecurity Act 1993; and
    - iii) Are not genetically modified.

(see guidance below for a list of eligible microorganisms)

- h) If the product contains seeds, it must meet import requirements for processed animal feed of plant origin.

#### Guidance for 4.3

- These requirements apply to food for dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, pet rodents, aviary birds, horses, alpacas, llamas, reptiles, and ornamental fish. They do not apply to cattle, sheep, goats and pigs.
- Animal food includes food, treats, chews and supplements.
- Before importing animal food containing seeds, please email [plantimports@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:plantimports@mpi.govt.nz).
- For products that claim to treat animal diseases or conditions, email [approvals@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:approvals@mpi.govt.nz) for further information about the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines (ACVM) Act 1997 before importing.
- The below listed non-genetically modified microorganisms are eligible for importation. An import permit is not required for these microorganisms.
  - *Aspergillus niger*
  - *Aspergillus oryzae*
  - *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens*
  - *Bacillus cereus*
  - *Bacillus coagulans* (previously also known as *Lactobacillus sporogenes*)
  - *Bacillus laterosporus* (syn: *Brevibacillus laterosporus*)
  - *Bacillus licheniformis*
  - *Bacillus megaterium*
  - *Bacillus polymyxa* (syn: *Paenibacillus polymyxa*)
  - *Bacillus subtilis*
  - *Bifidobacterium animalis*
  - *Bifidobacterium bifidum*
  - *Bifidobacterium breve*
  - *Bifidobacterium lactis*
  - *Bifidobacterium longum* (previously also known as *Bifidobacterium infantis*)
  - *Bifidobacterium thermophilum*
  - *Brevibacillus laterosporus*
  - *Clostridium butyricum*
  - *Enterococcus faecium*
  - *Enterococcus faecalis*
  - *Escherichia coli* (Nissle 1917)
  - *Lactobacillus acidophilus*
  - *Lactobacillus brevis*
  - *Lactobacillus buchneri*
  - *Lactobacillus bulgaricus*
  - *Lactobacillus casei*
  - *Lactobacillus delbrueckii (lactis)*
  - *Lactobacillus fermentum*
  - *Lactobacillus gasseri*
  - *Lactobacillus helveticus*
  - *Lactobacillus kefir*
  - *Lactobacillus paracasei*
  - *Lactobacillus plantarum*
  - *Lactobacillus reuteri*
  - *Lactobacillus rhamnosus*
  - *Lactobacillus sakei*



- *Lactobacillus salivarius*
- *Lactococcus lactis* (syn: *Streptococcus lactis*)
- *Leuconostoc mesenteroides* subsp *cremoris*
- *Paenibacillus polymyxa*
- *Pediococcus acidilactici*
- *Pediococcus pentosaceus*
- *Propionibacterium shermanii*
- *Rhodopseudomonas palustris*
- *Rhodobacter sphaeroides* (syn: *Rhodopseudomonas sphaeroides*)
- *Saccharomyces boulardii*
- *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*
- *Saccharomyces pastorianus*
- *Streptococcus salivarius* K12
- *Streptococcus thermophilus*

#### 4.4 Veterinary medicines accompanying imported animals

- (1) Veterinary medicines containing non-viable animal products accompanying imported animals from any country may be imported.

##### Guidance for 4.4

- Veterinary medicines accompanying imported animals must be accompanied by the following documentation, in accordance with the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines (ACVM) Act 1997:
  - ACVM 21 Declaration: Importation of Veterinary Medicines for Use Only on Accompanied Animals, available at: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/1580-acvm-21-importation-of-veterinary-medicines-for-use-only-on-accompanied-animals>
  - Copy of the overseas veterinarian's prescription.  
The quantity of veterinary medicines is limited to a 3-month supply
- Under the ACVM Act 1997, the medication must accompany the animal, or the owner or agent travelling with the animal.

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## Schedule 2 – Definitions

### Alkalised Chicken or Duck Egg

Preserved eggs that have been transformed in an alkaline salt to gradually raise the pH of the egg to around 9-12 during the curing process. Also known as 'pidan', century egg, preserved egg, hundred-year egg, thousand year egg and millennium egg.

### Commercially Manufactured and Packaged

A product that has been manufactured in a commercial manner by a commercial enterprise and is packaged for retail trade in tamper proof packaging.

### Competent Authority

The Veterinary or other Governmental Authority of an OIE Member, that has 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 *Code* in the whole territory.

### CTO Direction

Chief Technical Officer (CTO) Direction - equivalent measures recorded by number under section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Act, to enable border staff to clear the goods and record the number in the MPI database.

### Cured Meat

Meat that has been subjected to a treatment such as salting, pickling, drying or smoking. This does not include fresh meat that is frozen, chilled, minced or mechanically recovered.

### Dairy Product

Any product manufactured from the milk and/or cream of animals.

### Director-General

The chief executive of the Ministry for Primary Industries.

### European Union

European Union member countries.

### Finished Game Trophy

An animal of any species that has undergone a complete taxidermy process (professionally cleaned and processed by a taxidermist), including; tanning of skin, thus ensuring preservation at ambient temperatures. These can be:

- a) whole animals
- b) heads of animals
- c) skulls/antlers mounted onto shields.

### Foundation Beeswax

Also known as wax foundation or honeycomb base, means a plate made of wax with the base of the honeycomb. It is used in beekeeping to give the bees a foundation on which they can build the honeycomb.

### Fresh Meat

Meat that has not undergone any preserving process other than chilling, freezing or quick-freezing, and includes fresh meat that is vacuum-wrapped or wrapped in a controlled atmosphere.

### **Fully Tanned Leather and Leather Goods**

Goods containing hides and skins that have undergone a full tanning process so that they are preserved from putrescence and are thermally stable.

### **Hermetically Sealed**

Means air tight, completely sealed and impermeable to gas.

### **Meat**

All edible parts of an animal.

### **Meat Products**

Products prepared from or with meat which has undergone treatment such that the cut surface shows that the product no longer has the characteristics of fresh meat (e.g. cooked or cured). The following are not regarded as meat products: meat which has undergone only cold treatment, or raw meat, which has been minced or seasoned.

### **Medical Preparation**

A product intended to aid healing, or to prevent or reduce disease.

### **Microorganisms**

A microscopic organism including protozoa, fungi, bacteria, viruses, unicellular algae and prions.

### **Non-viable Animal or Animal tissues**

Any animal (includes vertebrates and invertebrates) or animal tissues that are incapable of living, growing, or developing and functioning. This does not include human tissue.

### **Official Veterinarian**

A veterinarian authorised by the Competent Authority of the country to perform certain designated official tasks associated with animal health and/or public health and inspections of commodities and, when appropriate, to certify in conformity with the provisions of the OIE *Code* Chapter for certification procedures.

### **OIE**

The World Organisation for Animal Health.

### **Pacific Island countries**

Include American Samoa, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia (Mariana Islands, Caroline Islands, Marshall Islands, Kiribati and Nauru), Fiji, French Polynesia, Niue, Norfolk Island, Pitcairn Island, Republic of Belau (Palau Islands), Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Wallis & Fortuna, Western Samoa.

### **Personal Consignment**

A consignment imported as personal property, not for resale, scientific and research purposes, commercial distribution or any other commercial purposes. Maximum sizes of personal consignments are specified in the individual clauses of this IHS.

A consignment relates to:

- (1) a passenger in the case of international passengers; or
- (2) cargo in the case of cargo containers containing personal effects; or
- (3) a mail or express freight item in the case of international mail or couriered services.

### **Poultry**

Means all domesticated birds, including backyard poultry, used for the production of meat or eggs for consumption.

### **Retorted/canned products**

The final product is in a hermetically sealed container (airtight), such as cans, jars or pouches, and has been heat treated (retorted) within this container so that the final product does not require refrigeration before the package is opened .

### **Returned New Zealand Animal Products**

Animal products that were originally exported from New Zealand. Without being reprocessed, remanufactured or repackaged, they were subsequently returned to New Zealand.

### **Shelf-Ready Packaging**

Shelf-ready packaging (SRP) refers to the preparation of a product so that it is delivered to a retailer in a ready-to-sell merchandised unit.

### **The Code**

The OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* as found on the OIE website.

### **Veterinary Certificate**

A certificate, issued in conformity with the provisions of the *Code* Chapter for certification procedures, describing the animal health and/or public health requirements which are fulfilled by the exported commodities.

### **Visible Contamination**

Includes but is not limited to blood, manure, soil, plant material, and pest infestation.

### **Whole Egg (applicable to mooncakes)**

All of the egg (with or without shell) or parts of the egg that are not distributed evenly throughout the mooncake mixture.