

IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO NEW ZEALAND OF CATTLE, DEER, GOAT, SHEEP MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION FROM AUSTRALIA

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 cattle, deer, goat, sheep meat and meat products for human consumption from Australia.

2. PERMIT TO IMPORT

2.1 A permit to import is not required for the importation into New Zealand of cattle, deer, goat, sheep meat and meat products for human consumption 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 Animal Biosecurity.

5. DEFINITION OF TERMS

Cattle meat includes meat and meat products derived from cattle, buffalo and buffalo/cattle cross animals.

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 from: Import Management, Animal Biosecurity, Biosecurity Authority, Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry, P O Box 2526, Wellington, NEW ZEALAND.
- 6.3 A copy of the import health standard, together with all the required information must be presented at the New Zealand border to enable clearance of the consignment.

7. ELIGIBILITY FOR IMPORTATION

- 7.1 The products shall be identifiable as being a product originating from Australia and/or New Zealand.
- 7.2 The products shall be commercially packed in the original unopened packaging. Full containers of meat shall be sealed.

8. BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

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

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