

IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR ROQUEFORT CHEESE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

ANNEX A ASSIGNED NUMBER (AN) 8.1, 8.2

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USER GUIDE

The information in MAF animal and animal product import health standards is presented in numerically ordered sections with descriptive titles. Sections are grouped into one of four parts, designated alphabetically.

Part A. GENERAL INFORMATION contains sections of general interest, including those relating to the legal basis for MAF import health standards and the general responsibilities of every importer of animals and animal products.

Part B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE contains sections that outline the requirements to be met prior to and during importation. Whether a permit to import is required to be obtained prior to importation is noted, as are conditions of eligibility, transport and general conditions relating to documentation accompanying the consignment.

Part C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE contains sections describing the requirements to be met at the New Zealand border and, if necessary, in a transitional facility in New Zealand prior to any consignment being given biosecurity clearance.

Part D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION contains model health certification which must be completed by the appropriate personnel as indicated in the certification and accompany the consignment to New Zealand.

PART A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD

- 1.1 Pursuant to section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, this document is the import health standard for Roquefort cheese for human consumption from the European Community.
- 1.2 Obtaining biosecurity clearance for each consignment of Roquefort cheese from the European Community is dependent on the consignment meeting the requirements of this import health standard.

- 1.3 This import health standard may be reviewed, amended or revoked if there are changes in New Zealand's import policy or the animal health status of the originating country, or for any other lawful reason, at the discretion of the Import Standards Manager.

2. IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 The costs of MAF in performing functions relating to the importation of Roquefort cheese must be recovered in accordance with the Biosecurity Act and any regulations made under that Act.
- 2.2 All costs involved with documentation, transport, storage and obtaining a biosecurity direction and/or biosecurity clearance must be borne by the importer or agent.
- 2.3 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/commercial-imports/import-health-standards/search>
- 2.4 Commercial consignments of products imported into New Zealand must comply with the Food Act 1981 and the microbiological requirements of the Food Standards Code, in particular the standard for E. coli (Standard 1.6.1). NZFSA may require monitoring of consignments to ensure product meets the relevant standards. These requirements are independent of the import health standard requirements and are managed by the New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZFSA). Importers are advised to contact the NZFSA or consult the NZFSA website: www.nzfsa.govt.nz/imported-food/index.htm

3. DEFINITION OF TERMS

64/432/EEC

Council Directive 64/432/EEC of 26 June 1964 on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine.

97/132/EC

Council Decision 97/132/EC of 17 December 1996 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and New Zealand on sanitary measures applicable to trade in live animals and animal products.

2002/99/EC

Council Directive 2002/99/EC of 16 December 2002 laying down the animal health rules governing the production, processing, distribution and introduction of products of animal origin for human consumption.

2073/2005

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005 of 15 November 2005 on microbiological criteria for foodstuffs.

Regulation (EC) No 852/2004

Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament of 29 April 2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs.

Regulation (EC) No 853/2004

Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin.

Regulation (EC) No 854/2004

Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council Of 29 April 2004 laying down specific rules for the organisation of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption.

Biosecurity clearance

A clearance under section 26 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 for the entry of goods into New Zealand.

European Community

Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands and United Kingdom

Inspector

Means a person who is appointed an inspector under section 103 of the Biosecurity Act (1993)

MAF

New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Official Veterinarian

A veterinarian authorised by the Veterinary Administration of the country to perform animal health and/or public health inspections of commodities and, when appropriate, perform certification in conformity with the provisions of the chapter of the OIE *Code* pertaining to principles of certification.

Roquefort cheese

A semi-hard blue veined cheese, veined with the mould *Penicillium roquefortii* and manufactured from raw ewes' milk.

PART B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE

4. PERMIT TO IMPORT

4.1 A permit to import is not required for consignments that meet the requirements of this import health standard.

5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 Roquefort cheese manufactured in France is eligible for importation under this import health standard.
- 5.2 The products must be commercially packed within the original packaging on arrival and identifiable as Roquefort cheese manufactured in France.

6. DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

- 6.1 The consignment must be accompanied by appropriately completed health certification that meets the requirements of PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION.
- 6.2 Documentation must be in English, but may be bilingual (language of exporting country/English).
- 6.3 It is the importer's responsibility to ensure that any documentation presented in accordance with the requirements of this import health standard is original (unless otherwise specified) and clearly legible. Failure to do so may result in delays in obtaining biosecurity direction and/or clearance or rejection of consignments.

PART C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

7. BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

- 7.1 Upon arrival in New Zealand the documentation accompanying the consignment must be inspected by an Inspector at the port of arrival.
- 7.2 Providing that the documentation meets all requirements noted under PART D: ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION and the consignment meets the conditions of ELIGIBILITY, the consignment may, as appropriate, be given a biosecurity clearance pursuant to section 26 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 or biosecurity direction pursuant to section 25 of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

8. NEGOTIATED EXPORT CERTIFICATION

- 8.1 The following Model Zoosanitary Certificate contains the information required by MAF to accompany imports of Roquefort cheese into New Zealand from the European Community:

9. ANIMAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH MODEL CERTIFICATE FOR ROQUEFORT CHEESE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY - ANNEX A ASSIGNED NUMBER (AN): 8.1, 8.2

AN Number and Name of Animal Product:

Certificate Number:

Exporting Member State:

Competent Ministry of Exporting Member State:

I. Identification of Product

Number of packages:

Nature of packaging:

Nature of the goods:

Species product derived from:

Net weight in kilograms (kg):

Number of the container(s) and container seal number(s):

Production date(s):

II. Origin of Product

Name and official approval number(s) of establishment(s):

III. Consignment Information

Place of loading:

Name and address of consignor:

Name and address of consignee:

Port of Disembarkation:

Country of Final Destination: NEW ZEALAND

IV. Health Attestation

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that:

1. The Roquefort cheese herein described, complies with the relevant European Community animal health requirements which have been recognised as equivalent to New Zealand standards and requirements as prescribed in Council Decision 97/132/EC, as last amended, specifically, in accordance with:

Council Directive 64/432/EEC and Council Directive 2002/99/EC

2. The Roquefort cheese herein described, complies with the relevant European Community public health requirements, specifically, in accordance with:

Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005, (EC) No 852/2004, (EC) No 853/2004, and (EC) No 854/2004.

V. Additional Declaration(s)/Guarantee(s)

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the Roquefort cheese is eligible for intra-community trade without restriction.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the Roquefort cheese was manufactured in France.

VI. This certificate is valid for 4 months from the date of issue (unless revoked)

Done at: on:

Signature and Seal of Official Veterinarian

(Note: The signature and official seal must be in a colour different to that of the printing.)

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