

IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO NEW ZEALAND OF DAIRY PRODUCTS FROM SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

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USER GUIDE

The information in MAF 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 animal products.

Part B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE contains sections which 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 the importation of dairy products for human consumption into New Zealand from specified countries.
- 1.2 Obtaining biosecurity clearance for each consignment of dairy products for human consumption imported into New Zealand from specified countries is dependent upon 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 Biosecurity Standards Group Manager.

2 IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 The costs of MAF in performing functions relating to the importation of the commodity shall 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 shall be borne by the importer or agent.
- 2.3 Commercial consignments of products imported into New Zealand for human consumption must comply with the Food Act 1981. 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 consult the NZFSA website: <http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/> or contact the NZFSA.
- 2.4 When importing Gruyere, Sbrinz or Emmental cheese from Switzerland, importers are advised to consult the NZFSA website: <http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/imported-food/index.htm> or contact the NZFSA to obtain a copy of the *Sanitary Certificate for the exportation of cheese and butter to New Zealand: Approved form No: L-9903* (Refer to clause 2 of the Model Zoosanitary Certificate).

3 DEFINITIONS

Biosecurity Clearance

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

Biosecurity Standards Group Manager

The Biosecurity Standards Group Manager, Biosecurity New Zealand, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, or any person who for the time being may lawfully exercise and perform the power and functions of the Biosecurity Standards Group Manager

Dairy products

Includes all products manufactured from the milk and cream of ruminants (buffalo, cattle, goats or sheep) and intended for human consumption.

NOTE: This import health standard is to be used for importing products where the total dairy ingredients are greater than 5%.

European Union Member States

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.

MAF

The New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

New Zealand Inspector

A person who is appointed an inspector under section 103 of the Biosecurity Act 1993

Official Veterinarian

An official veterinarian means a veterinarian authorised by the Veterinary Administration 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 chapter of the OIE *Code* pertaining to obligations of certification

OIE Code

The Office International des Epizooties *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*

Sealed Packaging

The packaging is impervious and sealed at the point of manufacture. The original packaging must be intact i.e. has not been opened. Providing that the packaging is sealed, impervious, tamper-proof and shows no sign of having been opened, then any material is suitable for packing. Examples are screw-top glass or plastic containers with tamper-proof seals, sealed foil or plastic bags, vacuum packed and heat-sealed plastic containers, cans and sewn multi-wall bags

Specified countries

All countries except Australia and the European Union Member States.

[Note: for dairy products from Australia and the European Union Member States please refer to the MAF Biosecurity New Zealand website <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/imports/ih-search.htm> to obtain import requirements

PART B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE

4 PERMIT TO IMPORT

4.1 A permit to import is not required.

5 ELIGIBILITY

5.1 All requirements of this import health standard, including those detailed in the MANUFACTURER'S DECLARATION and MODEL ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE must be met for the commodity to be eligible for importation.

5.2 This import health standard is to be used for importing products where the total dairy ingredients are greater than 5%.

6 DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

6.1 The consignment shall be accompanied by appropriately completed health certification which meets the requirements of PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION.

- 6.2 Documentation shall 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 the consignment.

PART C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

7 BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

- 7.1 Providing that the documentation meets all requirements noted under PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION, the consignment may, subject to sections 27 and 28 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, be given a biosecurity clearance pursuant to section 26 of the Biosecurity Act 1993.
- 7.2 Upon arrival in New Zealand the documentation accompanying the consignment shall be inspected by an Inspector at the port of arrival. The Inspector may also inspect the consignment, or a sample of the consignment.

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 consignments of products containing dairy ingredients into New Zealand from specified countries:

**IV ZOOSANITARY INFORMATION
VETERINARY CERTIFICATION**

I, an Official Veterinarian authorised by
the Competent Government Authority of the exporting country certify, after due enquiry, that:

I have no reason to doubt the veracity of the attached Manufacturer's Declaration.

Official stamp:

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Signature of Official Veterinarian

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Name of Official Veterinarian

Date:

Address of office:.....
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MANUFACTURER’S DECLARATION

I, being the Manager of the facility where the product identified in this Zoosanitary Certificate has been processed, certify that:

EITHER:

- 1. The milk and cream used to manufacture the product has been heat treated in conformity with one of the following procedures:

Either

- 1.1 a minimum temperature of 132°C for at least one second (ultra-high temperature [UHT]);

Or

- 1.2 if the milk has a pH less than 7.0, a minimum temperature of 72°C for at least 15 seconds (high temperature-short time pasteurisation [HTST]);

Or

- 1.3 if the milk has a pH of 7.0 or over, the HTST process applied twice.

(Delete 1.1.1, 1.1.2 or 1.1.3 as applicable)

OR:

- 2. The commodity is Swiss cheese (Gruyere, Sbrinz or Emmental) and is accompanied by an appropriately completed *Sanitary Certificate for the exportation of cheese and butter to New Zealand: Approved form No: L-9903*.

(Delete 1 or 2 as applicable)

AND:

- 3. The product containing dairy ingredients have been produced in premises that are registered or approved by the Competent Government Authority as having acceptable food safety standards governing the processing of dairy products for export.
- 4. The product containing dairy ingredients do not contain honey.
- 5. The product containing dairy ingredients are in sealed packaging.

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Signature of Manager

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Date

Name of Manager:

Title of Manager:

Address of Manager:.....

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