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NOTIFICATION

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| 1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved: |
| 2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry |
| 3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Processed poultry meat |
| 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Australia |
| 5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Import health standard for the importation of specified processed poultry meat products from human consumption into New Zealand from Australia. (English) – 16 pages. |
| 6. Description of content: <p>Prior to 2001, poultry products from Australia and the United States of America were eligible for import into New Zealand. These products consisted of chicken meat which had been cooked to specifications stated in the MAF document, <i>Importation into New Zealand of Meat and Meat Products: A Review of the Risks to Animal Health</i> (1991).</p> <p>New scientific information suggested that the previous cooking requirements for chicken meat products may have been inadequate to inactivate infectious bursal disease (IBD) virus. In 1999 and 2000, MAF published two additional risk analyses: <i>Import Risk Analysis: Chicken Meat and Chicken Meat Products</i>; <i>Bernard Matthews Foods Ltd Turkey Meat Preparations from the United Kingdom</i>, <i>Revised Quantitative Risk Assessments On Chicken Meat From The United States</i>, and <i>Reassessment Of Heat Treatment For Inactivation Of Newcastle Disease Virus In Chicken Meat</i>.</p> <p>These risk analyses confirmed that there was a residual risk of IBD virus in chicken meat products after they have been subjected to normal cooking processes. The import health standards for poultry products from Australia and the United States of America were revoked and the only poultry meat products that have been eligible for import into New Zealand since this time have been those that have been subjected to a process that renders meat products commercially sterile (such as canning, retorting or rendering).</p> <p>In 2006, MAF published an <i>Import Risk Analysis: Cooked Duck Meat from</i></p> |

Australia. This risk analysis for duck meat from Australia was limited to products cooked to a minimum core temperature of 60 degrees Celsius for 30 minutes and 80 degrees Celsius for 10 minutes. The only potential hazard identified in this risk analysis was IBD virus which is present in Australia, which can infect ducks and is unlikely to be inactivated by the cooking processes used in the preparation of the commodities considered. These measures cover farm management, testing of the birds for IBD prior to slaughter, the slaughtering system, and processing of the final product.

As Australia has requested market access for chicken meat since the import health standard for cooked chicken meat was revoked in 2001, a draft import health standard was developed from the duck meat risk analysis and the previous chicken meat risk analyses which would include all processed poultry meat products. The poultry meat products must be certified as having met specific time-temperature parameters that mitigate the risk of heat sensitive avian pathogens. In addition, the products must either have originated from New Zealand origin birds and have been processed in Australia, or originated from Australian origin birds that are free from infectious bursal disease.

7. **Objective and rationale:** food safety, animal health, plant protection, protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, protect territory from other damage from pests

8. **International standard, guideline or recommendation:**
 Codex Alimentarius Commission, Office International des Epizooties, International Plant Protection Convention, None
If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:

9. **Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**

The Draft Import Health Standard (IHS) for Processed Poultry Meat for Human Consumption from Australia is available in English at <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/strategy-and-consultation/consultation/processed-poultry-australia>

The draft import health standard based on the following four import risk analyses and chapter 1.3.5 of the Terrestrial Code (2007) on zoning and compartmentalisation, which are available online at:

- The Importation into New Zealand of Meat and Meat Products: A Review of the Risks to Animal Health (1991) - <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/pests-diseases/animals/risk/meat-meat-products-ra.pdf>
- Import Risk Analysis: Chicken Meat and Chicken Meat Products; Bernard Matthews Foods Ltd Turkey Meat Preparations from the United Kingdom (1999) and its Review of Submissions document (1999) - <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/pests-diseases/animals/risk/chicken-meat-ra.pdf>; and <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/pests-diseases/animals/risk/chicken-meat-subs.pdf>
- Revised Quantitative Risk Assessments On Chicken Meat From The United

States, And Reassessment Of Heat Treatment For Inactivation Of Newcastle Disease Virus In Chicken Meat (2000) and its Review of Submissions document (2000) - <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/pests-diseases/animals/risk/chicken-meat-revised-ra.pdf> and <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/pests-diseases/animals/risk/chicken-meat-revised-subs.pdf>

- Import Risk Analysis: Cooked Duck Meat from Australia (2006) and its Review of Submissions document (2007) - <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/pests-diseases/animals/risk/risk-analysis-cooked-duck-meat-aus.pdf> and <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/pests-diseases/animals/risk/duck-meat-ros.pdf>
- Chapter 1.3.5 of the Terrestrial Code (2007) on zoning and compartmentalisation - <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/pests-diseases/animals/risk/duck-meat-ros.pdf>

10. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined after consultation has closed.

11. Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined after consultation has closed.

12. Final date for comments: 28 January 2008

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