

IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR SHELF-STABLE PETFOODS CONTAINING ANIMAL PRODUCTS

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USER GUIDE

The information in [MAFBNZ](#) 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 [MAFBNZ](#) import health standards and the general responsibilities of every importer of animals and [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, and general conditions relating to documentation accompanying the consignment, if necessary.

Part C. TIME/TEMPERATURE PARAMETERS contains sections describing equivalent time/temperature requirements.

Part D. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE contains sections describing the requirements to be met at the New Zealand border prior to any consignment being given biosecurity clearance.

Part E. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION contains model health certification which must be completed by the appropriate personnel and accompany the consignment to New Zealand where specified in the import health standard.

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 into New Zealand of [shelf-stable](#) petfoods containing [animal products](#).
- 1.2 Obtaining [biosecurity clearance](#) for each consignment of [shelf-stable](#) petfoods containing [animal products](#) imported into New Zealand is dependant 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 Imports Standards Group Manager.

2 IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 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>
- 2.2 Petfoods and petfood ingredients imported under this import health standard must be intended for consumption by terrestrial pet animal species that are kept in households, laboratories and zoos as pets or specimens, such as aviary birds, cats, dogs, lagomorphs, mustelids, reptiles and rodents.
- 2.3 Products intended to be fed to production animal species including poultry, ostriches, emus, cattle, sheep, deer, goats, pigs, horses etc. **must not** be imported under this import health standard.
- 2.4 This import health standard relates only to petfoods containing [animal products](#) (note, the product may also include non-viable plant products or mineral products). Petfoods that do not contain any animal or plant ingredients, and only comprise of inanimate ingredients, such as minerals, are not subject to any biosecurity requirements.
- 2.5 This import health standard specifically excludes petfood derived from [animal products](#) that need to be refrigerated prior to opening. Please refer to the [MAFBNZ](#) website: <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/imports/ihs-search.htm> to obtain import requirements for petfoods requiring refrigeration prior to opening, food for pet fish, and requirements for animal food containing plant ingredients.
- 2.6 [Shelf-stable](#) petfoods may be imported from the European Community using this import health standard unless the products include bovine material. In these cases the *Import Health Standard for the Importation into New Zealand of Processed Petfood Containing Category 3 Material Only from the European Community* must be used. It is available on the [MAFBNZ](#) website: <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/imports/animals/standards/fodpppic.eec.htm>
- 2.7 The costs to [MAFBNZ](#) in performing functions relating to the importation of [shelf-stable](#) petfoods containing [animal products](#) shall be recovered in accordance with the Biosecurity Act and any regulations made under that Act.
- 2.8 All costs involved with documentation, transport, storage and obtaining a [biosecurity clearance](#) shall be borne by the importer or agent.
- 2.9 All petfood products sold on the domestic New Zealand market must comply with any legal requirements notified by the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Act 1997. Petfood products that are manufactured for the purpose of being fed by mouth with the intention of providing nutritional benefit to the animal are considered Oral Nutritional Compounds (ONC) under this Act and supporting Regulations. Importers are advised to consult the NZFSA website: <http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/animalproducts/subject/petfood/index.htm> to check the requirements for selling petfood in New Zealand.

3 DEFINITION OF TERMS

Animal Products

Non-viable products derived from animals.

Biosecurity clearance

A clearance under section 26 of the Biosecurity Act (1993) for the entry of goods into New Zealand. (Explanatory Note: Goods given a Biosecurity Clearance by an [Inspector](#) are released to the importer without restriction).

Commercially prepared and packaged

A product that has been manufactured by a commercial enterprise and is subsequently sealed at the point of manufacture in tamper proof packaging.

European Union

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

Fo3

Fo3 is a processing standard that specifies that the core temperature of the product has reached 121 degrees Celsius for 3 minutes. (Refer to Part C for time-temperature combinations equivalent to Fo3).

Inspector

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

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Marine fin fish

Any marine fin fish which does not spend any part of its life cycle in freshwater.

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 *Terrestrial Code* pertaining to principles of certification.

Retorted

Means heated in an unopened hermetically sealed container for a time, and to a temperature, by superheated steam under pressure ([Fo3](#)), sufficient to render any infectious material of a biosecurity concern inactivated. Goods may be retorted packaged in cans, jars or pouches.

Shelf-stable

Not requiring refrigeration or freezing.

Specified risk materials (SRMs).

Tonsils, intestines, brains, eyes, spinal cord, skull and vertebral column (and protein products derived thereof), from bovine animals.

Veterinary authority

Means the government Veterinary Service that has authority for implementing, supervising and auditing the animal health measures and international veterinary certification processes recommended by the *Terrestrial Code*.

4 EQUIVALENCE

The import health standard has been agreed as being suitable for trade between the exporting and the importing countries. It is expected that the poultry products will meet the conditions in every respect.

Occasionally it is found that, due to circumstances beyond the control of the importer or exporter, a consignment does not comply completely with this import health standard. In such cases, an application for equivalence may be considered, equivalence granted and a permit to import issued at the discretion of the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, but only if the following information is forwarded by the certifying government's veterinary authority:

- which clause/s of the import health standard cannot be met and how this has occurred;
- the reason the consignment is considered to be of an "equivalent health" status and/or what proposal is made to return the consignment to an equivalent health status as set out in this standard; and
- the reasons why the veterinary authority of the country of origin believe this proposal must be acceptable to the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and their recommendation for its acceptance.

PART B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE

5 PERMIT TO IMPORT

- 5.1 A permit to import must be obtained for [shelf-stable](#) petfoods containing 2% or more of honey, pollen or royal jelly from Animal Imports, Border Standards Directorate, [MAFBNZ](#), PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand or email animalimports@maf.govt.nz .
(Refer to clauses 7.1 and 7.2 of this import health standard)
- 5.2 A permit to import is not required for other petfood consignments that meet the requirements of this import health standard.

6 DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

- 6.1 The consignment shall be accompanied by appropriately completed documentation where specified in section 7 of this import health standard.
- 6.2 Documentation shall be in English, but may be bilingual (language of exporting country and 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** and legible. Failure to do so may result in delays in obtaining [biosecurity clearance](#) or rejection of consignments.

7 ELIGIBILITY

7.1 **Petfoods or petfood ingredients containing [animal products](#) from *Australia*** may be given [biosecurity clearance](#) provided all of the following requirements are met:

- i. The product is [shelf-stable](#)
- ii. The product is identifiable as manufactured in Australia from Australian ingredients.
- iii. The product is commercially prepared, packaged and labelled as petfood
- iv. The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival
- v. Petfood that contains any of the animal products described in the table below will need the appropriate documentation or combination of documentation.

	<u>Animal Product</u>	
	Avian Product	Bee Product (honey, pollen or royal jelly)
Manufacturers Declaration (if bee product is less than 2%)¹	N/A	✓
Permit to Import (refer to clause 5.1)	N/A	✓
Manufacturers Declaration Retorted²	✓	N/A

¹Manufacturer's declaration (less than 2% bee product) needs to certify that the product contains less than 2% honey, pollen or royal jelly, if the product contains more than 2% a permit to import is required.

² Product is [retorted](#) or the poultry ingredients and/or other animal products have been subjected to a heating process that rises the core temperature to at least to 121 degrees Celsius for 3 minutes (Fo3) or equivalent (Refer to Part C clause 8.1 for time-temperature combinations equivalent to Fo3).

7.2 **Petfoods or petfood ingredients containing [animal products](#) from all countries excluding Australia** may be given [biosecurity clearance](#) provided all of the following requirements are met:

- i. The product is [shelf-stable](#)
- ii. The product is commercially prepared, packaged and labelled as petfood
- iii. The product is in its original sealed packaging on arrival
- iv. Petfood that contains any of the animal products described in the table below will need the appropriate documentation or combination of documentation.

	<u>Animal Product</u>				
	Product contains Avian Product	Product contains Bee Product (honey, pollen or royal jelly)	Product containing bovine products <i>Canada, Israel, Japan, Switzerland or the United States of America only</i>	Product made entirely from Rawhide or neck ligament (ligamentum nucae) of a mammal	Product contains other animal species
Manufacturers Declaration (if less than 2%) ³	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
Permit to Import (refer to clause 5.1)	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
Manufacturers Declaration Retorted ⁴	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓
Zoosanitary certification ⁵	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A
Manufacturers Declaration (pH) ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A

Note: Petfoods consisting of [marine fin fish](#) or petfoods made entirely from dairy products that do not contain any other [animal products](#) do not need to be accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration.

³ Manufacturer's declaration (less than 2% bee product) needs to certify that the product contains less than 2% honey, pollen or royal jelly, if the product contains more than 2% a permit to import is required.

⁴ Product is [retorted](#) or the poultry ingredients and/or other animal products have been subjected to a heating process that rises the core temperature to at least to 121 degrees Celsius for 3 minutes (Fo3) or equivalent (Refer to Part C clause 8.1 for time-temperature combinations equivalent to Fo3).

⁵ Product containing bovine products may only be imported from *Canada, Japan, Switzerland or the United States of America* and must be accompanied by certification that meets Part E. Zoosanitary Certification. Please refer to this standard <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/imports/animals/standards/fodpppic.eec.htm> for petfood from the EU that contains bovine material.

⁶ Manufacturer's declaration (pH) must be endorsed by an [official veterinarian](#) of the country of origin and states that the product has been soaked in a lime solution of pH 14 for at least 8 hours.

PART C. TIME/TEMPERATURE PARAMETERS

- 8** Petfoods or petfood ingredients that are not canned or [retorted](#) may be eligible for entry if they meet the following equivalent time/temperature parameters. The consignment must be shelf stable and accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration that confirms the time and temperature that is used and is signed and stamped by an official vet.
- 8.1** Equivalent time-temperature parameters to 121 degrees Celsius for 3 minutes (Fo3) involve the product reaching one of the following minimum core temperature/time parameters:
- 110 degrees Celsius for 40 minutes; or
 - 111 degrees Celsius for 32 minutes; or
 - 112 degrees Celsius for 25 minutes; or
 - 113 degrees Celsius for 20 minutes; or
 - 114 degrees Celsius for 16 minutes; or
 - 115 degrees Celsius for 13 minutes; or
 - 116 degrees Celsius for 11 minutes; or
 - 117 degrees Celsius for 9 minutes; or
 - 118 degrees Celsius for 7 minutes; or
 - 119 degrees Celsius for 6 minutes; or
 - 120 degrees Celsius for 5 minutes; or
 - 121 degrees Celsius for 3 minutes; or
 - 122 degrees Celsius for 3 minutes; or
 - 123 degrees Celsius for 3 minutes; or
 - 124 degrees Celsius for 3 minutes; or
 - 125 degrees Celsius for 2 minutes; or
 - 126 degrees Celsius for 1 minute; or
 - 127 degrees Celsius for 46 seconds; or
 - 128 degrees Celsius for 37 seconds; or
 - 129 degrees Celsius for 29 seconds; or
 - 130 degrees Celsius for 23 seconds; or
 - 131 degrees Celsius for 18 seconds; or
 - 132 degrees Celsius for 15 seconds; or
 - 133 degrees Celsius for 12 seconds; or
 - 134 degrees Celsius for 9 seconds; or
 - 135 degrees Celsius for 7 seconds; or
 - 136 degrees Celsius for 6 seconds.

PART D. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

9 [BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE](#) AND DIRECTION

- 9.1 An [inspector](#) may inspect consignments upon arrival in New Zealand to check that they meet the conditions of eligibility stated in section 7 of this import health standard.
- 9.2 Providing that the consignment meets the conditions of eligibility, 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.

PART E. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

- 10 The following Model Zoosanitary Certificate contains the information required by [MAFBNZ](#) to accompany consignments of [shelf-stable](#) petfoods containing bovine material into New Zealand from Canada, Japan, Switzerland and the United States of America.

11 MODEL VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

Name of Animal Product:

Exporting Country:

Competent Ministry of Exporting Country:

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):

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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

V. Health Attestation:

I hereby certify with respect to the [shelf-stable](#) petfoods herein described:

The products do not contain any [specified risk materials \(SRMs\)](#).

Name and Address of Office: on:

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Signature and Seal of Official Veterinarian