



Guidance Document

For

Hides and Skins

Hidcomic.all

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PART A. INTRODUCTION

Foreword

This guidance document has been issued to accompany the MAF Standard, *Import Health Standard for Hides and Skins- HIDCOMIC.ALL* (the “standard”). It is not a legally binding document and, although it can be read independently of the standard, it should be read in conjunction with it to ensure that all matters relating to meeting the requirements of the standard are fully understood.

Review and amendment

This Guidance Document is subject to review and amendment at any time to ensure that it continues to meet its purpose. All stakeholders are responsible for ensuring that the most recent version of the Guidance Document, as available on the MAF website, is used.

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PART B. GENERAL GUIDANCE

Permit to Import

Where required under the standard a Permit to Import must accompany the hides and skins. Application forms can be accessed at <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/imports/animals/forms>

The application must specify the transitional facility where the hides and skins will be further processed. Transitional facilities must first be approved by MAF, information about transitional facilities can be found online at <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/trans/stds>.

Please allow a minimum of 10 working days for permit processing and once processed the permit will be sent out electronically.

Costs

The costs to MAF in performing functions relating to the importation of hides and skins must be recovered under the Biosecurity Act and associated regulations. All costs involved with documentation, transport, storage, and obtaining clearance must be covered by the importer/agent.

Countries free from Foot and Mouth Disease

New Zealand, as a member of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), recognises countries or zones as free from Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in accordance with chapter 8.5 of the [Terrestrial Animal Health Code](#).

Zone freedom recognition is the same as that published on the [OIE website](#). Users are advised to check the [suspension/reinstatement of status](#) webpage in addition to that given above for the most current status.

Should users wish to clarify zones or current status reports contact MAF using the contact details above.

List of FMD free countries

Albania	Germany	New Caledonia
Australia	Greece	New Zealand
Austria	Guatemala	Nicaragua
Belarus	Guyana	Norway
Belgium	Haiti	Panama
Belize	Honduras	Poland
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Hungary	Portugal
Brunei	Iceland	Romania
Canada	Indonesia	San Marino
Chile	Ireland	Serbia (1)
Costa Rica	Italy	Singapore

Croatia	Japan	Slovakia
Cuba	Latvia	Slovenia
Cyprus	Lesotho	Spain
Czech Rep.	Lithuania	Swaziland
Denmark	Luxembourg	Sweden
Dominican Republic	Madagascar	Switzerland
El Salvador	Malta	Ukraine
Estonia	Mauritius	United Kingdom
Finland	Mexico	United States of America
Former Yug. Rep. of Macedonia	Montenegro	Uruguay
France	Netherlands	Vanuatu

(1) Excluding Kosovo administered by the United Nations

Tanning process

The many processes involved in tanning are explained in MAF's risk analysis document for hides and skins. <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/imports/ihs/risk>

Anthrax regulations

Consignments of hair or bristle, and articles made from hair or bristle imported into New Zealand must comply with the Anthrax Regulations 1987. These requirements are independent of the Import Health Standard requirements and are managed by New Zealand Ministry of Health. Importers that intend to import such products into New Zealand are advised to contact the Ministry of Health for further information.

Samples of hides and skins

It is recognised that there is a need for samples of hides and skins to be imported from time to time. As such, trade samples of hides and skins for research or evaluation can be imported under permit into a biological transitional facility under a separate Standard (see- <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/ihs/search>).

PART C. MODEL VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

Veterinary certificates should be produced in accordance with the guidelines and overarching principles of the OIE Code (Chapter 5). This model certificate is intended as a guide only.

1. Exporter: Name: Address:	2. Certificate reference number:
	3. Veterinary Authority:
4. Importer: Name: Address:	
5. Country of origin:	6. Zone or compartment of origin:
7. Country of destination:	
8. Port of departure:	9. Date of departure:
10. Means of transport: Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Ship <input type="checkbox"/>	11. Species derived from: 12. Hides and skins derived from animals born and reared in:
13. Description of commodity:	14. Net weight (kg):
	15. Total quantity:
16. Temperature of product: Ambient <input type="checkbox"/> Chilled <input type="checkbox"/> Frozen <input type="checkbox"/>	17. Total number of packages:
18. Identification of container/serial number:	19. Type of packaging:
20. Processing establishment name, address, and ID number:	

The animal product is eligible for intra-community trade without restriction.

For hides and skins which have been exported into the European Union from a third country and are subsequently eligible for export to New Zealand, the following additional declarations on the veterinary certificate must be attested to:

The product described herein was derived/partly derived from product which:

1. Was imported into the European Union from.....(insert country of origin)
2. Was further stored, handled, processed, wrapped, and/or packaged in an establishment which is eligible to process product for the intra-community trade,
3. Originated in a third country/countries and establishment(s) listed by the European Community and is eligible for export to the European Union

A copy of the original import certificate is to be attached to the signed member state veterinary certificate. This copy is to be endorsed 'certified copy of original' by the official veterinarian.

PART E. GLOSSARY

Commercial consignment means a consignment imported for resale and not as personal property.

Competent Authority means the Veterinary Authority or other Governmental Authority of an OIE Member having the responsibility and competence for ensuring or supervising the implementation of animal health and welfare measures, international veterinary certification and other standards and recommendations in the Terrestrial Code in the whole territory.

Official veterinarian means a veterinarian authorised by the Veterinary Authority 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 Section 5.2 of the Terrestrial Code pertaining to principles of certification.

OIE Code means the World Organisation for Animal Health Terrestrial Animal Health Code. Any reference in the standard to the OIE Code is to the most current as found on the OIE website: http://www.oie.int/eng/normes/en_mcode.htm

Pickling means the process of soaking a hide or skin in an acid based solution in preparation for tanning.

Veterinary Authority means the Governmental Authority of an OIE Member, comprising veterinarians, and other professionals, having the responsibility and competence for ensuring or supervising the implementation of animal health and welfare measures, international veterinary certification and other standards and recommendations in the Terrestrial Code in the whole territory.

Veterinary certificate means a certificate, issued in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 5.2 of the OIE Code, describing the animal health and/or public health requirements which are fulfilled by the exported commodities.

PART F. PREVIOUS IMPORT HEALTH STANDARDS

This standard revokes and replaces the following MAF standards:

- MAF Biosecurity Standard HIDCOMIC.AUS – Cattle/sheep/goat/deer/horse hides and skins untanned from Australia 06-May-2000
- MAF Biosecurity Standard HIDCOMIC.EEC – Cattle, goat, sheep, pig or deer hides and skins from the European Union 11-10-2004
- MAF Biosecurity Standard HIDCOMIC.NCA – Cattle hides and skins untanned from New Caledonia 25-08-1998
- MAF Biosecurity Standard HIDCOMIC.SPE – Cattle/sheep/goat/deer hides and skins untanned from specified countries 29-06-2004
- MAF Biosecurity Standard HIDCOMIC.VAN – Cattle hides and skins untanned from Vanuatu 05-05-1997
- MAF Biosecurity Standard HIDCUTIC.ALL – Hide Cuttings and Splits Dry Limed from all counties 15-01-1998
- MAF Biosecurity Standard HIDRECIC.ALL – Cattle/sheep/goat hides and skins samples untanned of New Zealand origin from all countries 02-11-1998
- MAF Biosecurity Standard HIDRESIC.ALL – Cattle/sheep/goat hides and skins samples untanned of New Zealand origin from all countries 15-01-1998
- MAF Biosecurity Standard HIDSAMIC.SPE – Cattle/sheep/goat/deer samples hides and skins untanned from specified countries 28-06-2004
- MAF Biosecurity Standard HIDSCAIC.WSA – Cattle hides salted from Western Samoa 15-01-1998 15-01-1998
- MAF Biosecurity Standard HIDSHGIC.ICE – Sheep and goat skins, pickled/salted, wool-on from Iceland
- MAF Biosecurity Standard HIDSLIIC.AUS – Calf/lamb skin skins untanned from Australia 09-05-2000