



Guidance Document  
for  
Ornamental Products of Animal Origin

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## PART A. INTRODUCTION

### Foreword

This guidance document has been issued to accompany the MAF Import Health Standard for Ornamental Products of Animal Origin (INETROIC.ALL). 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 is used.

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## PART B. SCOPE

1. Ornamental products of animal origin are defined as **non-viable** products made of animals, or the parts of animals, that are generally used for decorative/display purposes.

### Inclusions

2. The following products are included under the scope of this standard
  - a. Shells, marine ornaments and coral
  - b. Manufactured articles derived from horn, bone, beak, tusk and tooth
  - c. Fly-tying material containing animal skin and fibre
  - d. Fully tanned leather and leather goods
  - e. Blown eggs and egg shell ornaments/paintings
  - f. Rawhide articles and handicrafts
  - g. Mounted game trophies
  - h. Un-mounted game trophy parts

### Exclusions

3. The following products are excluded under the scope of this standard:
  - a. Commercial hides and skins from farmed animals that are un-tanned
  - b. Animal fibres i.e. bristles, wool, fur
  - c. Feathers on handicrafts i.e. arrows, dream catchers, shields
  - d. Preserved animal specimens – in liquid formalin/alcohol
4. Importers should check import requirements for these products at <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/ihs/search>

## PART C. GENERAL GUIDANCE

### Clearance

5. For products accompanied by documentation imported under this standard an inspector will inspect the accompanying documentation to ensure that it meets the requirements of the standard i.e. adequately identifies the country of origin, describes the nature of the goods, and where required original.
6. For products not required to be accompanied by documentation imported under the standard (i.e. airport passengers, personal effects) an inspector may rely on verbal declarations to ascertain if the product meets the standard.
7. Before clearance is given an inspector may physically inspect all or any part of a consignment to ensure that it meets Part D of this document (which reflects the requirements of the standard).

8. Products that do not meet the requirements of the standard will be authorised for treatment, reshipment or destruction. Importers are therefore advised to comply with the standard so as to avoid any delays or extra costs incurred as a result of non-compliance.
9. Where products imported under this standard are authorised for treatment this must occur on arrival, or at an approved transitional facility in accordance with the [MAF Standard for Approved Biosecurity Treatments](#).

### Packaging

10. All consignments should be packaged in material that is free of any contaminants and is appropriate given the nature of the goods to effectively contain any risk organisms.

## PART D. SPECIFIC GUIDANCE

### Products not requiring certification

11. In order to obtain clearance the following ornamental products of animal origin are required to be clean and dry in accordance with the standard i.e. free of adherent fat, muscle, sinew, blood, extraneous organic material, infestation, and evidence of decay.

Product	Specific guidance
Blown eggs	If professionally prepared and sealed in display cases they can be assumed to be clean and dry
Coral	Ensure is non-viable and dry. Check <a href="#">CITES</a> requirements
Egg shell ornaments	If professionally prepared and sealed in display cases they can be assumed to be clean and dry
Fly-tying material	Includes pieces of animal skin and hair. If dyed assume they are clean and dry, tanned material comes under fully tanned leather.
Fully tanned leather and leather goods	Goods containing hides and skins that have undergone a full tanning process so that they are preserved from putrescence and are thermally stable e.g. jackets, shoes, leather lounge suites, possum skins, sheep skins
Manufactured articles derived from horn, bone, beak, tusk, and tooth	Includes curios, buttons, jewellery, paper knives, etc. They should appear professionally prepared.
Marine ornaments	Includes shell ornaments
Mounted game trophies	An animal of any species that has undergone a complete taxidermy process (professionally cleaned and processed by a taxidermist) thus ensuring it's preservation at ambient temperatures. These can be whole animals, heads of animals,

	and/or skulls/antlers mounted onto shields
Rawhide articles and handicrafts	Items containing hides and skins that have been cleaned, dried, and manufactured into articles and handicrafts (e.g. traditional drums, hunting shields). This includes cultural heritage items or items of cultural value that are used for performances or decorative purposes containing hides or skins. If complete surface area is not visible for inspection then item will be treated, reshipped, or destroyed.
Shells	Check <a href="#">CITES</a> requirements

**Importers of game trophy hides and skins (and rawhide products) should be aware of the risks of anthrax when handling untreated imported hides and skins. The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has published a reference document containing useful questions and answers – see <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/anthrax/faq/pelt.asp>**

#### Products requiring certification

12. In order to obtain clearance the following ornamental products of animal origin must be accompanied by certification as required by the standard.

Product	Specific guidance
Dried or salted mammalian game trophy hides and skins	Must have a veterinary certificate as per either Part F or Part G of this document
Irradiated game trophy hides and skins	Must have a veterinary certificate as per either Part F or Part G of this document
Pickled game trophy hides and skins	Must have a veterinary certificate as per either Part F or Part G of this document
Un-mounted game trophy skulls, horns, hooves, antlers, bones, tusks, claws, and teeth	Must have a manufacturer's (taxidermist's) declaration as per Part E of this document.

## PART E. MODEL MANUFACTURER'S DECLARATION

COMPANY LETTERHEAD (full name and address details)	
1. Importer (client) details:	
2. Full description of commodity (i.e. species derived from, specific parts of animal):	
3. Total number of packages:	4. Type of packaging:
5. Processing information: The products described above have been: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. boiled at a minimum of 100°C for at least 30 minutes; AND</li><li>ii. processed so that all adherent tissues have been completely removed; AND</li><li>iii. packaged immediately after treatment in a manner so as to ensure that there is no subsequent contamination with untreated goods of similar nature; AND</li><li>iv. verified as free of extraneous organic material, infestation, and evidence of decay</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Must be signed and dated</b></p>	


## PART F. MODEL VETERINARY CERTIFICATE (ALL COUNTRIES EXCEPT EU)

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:
13. Description of commodity:	14. Net weight (kg):
18. Identification of container/serial number:	17. Total number of packages:
20. Processing establishment name, address (if different from exporter):	
19. Type of packaging:	



## PART G. MODEL VETERINARY CERTIFICATE EUROPEAN UNION MEMBER COUNTRIES

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:
13. Description of commodity:	14. Net weight (kg):
18. Identification of container/serial number:	17. Total number of packages:
20. Processing establishment name, address (if different from exporter):	
19. Type of packaging:	

<b>Zoo sanitary Attestations</b>	Certificate reference number:
<p>21. I the undersigned Official Veterinarian after due examination certify that the animal products herein described:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. comply with the relevant European Union animal health/public health standards and 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: Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002</li> </ol> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. The animal product is eligible for intra-community trade without restriction.</li> </ol> <p><b>For game trophies, which have been exported into the European Union from a third country</b> and are subsequently eligible for export to New Zealand, the following additional declarations on the veterinary certificate must be attested to:</p> <p>The product described herein was derived/partly derived from product which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was imported into the European Union from.....(insert country of origin)</li> <li>• Was further stored, handled, processed, wrapped, and/or packaged in an establishment which is eligible to process product for the intra-community trade,</li> <li>• Originated in a third country/countries and establishment(s) listed by the European Community and is eligible for export to the European Union</li> </ul> <p>(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).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>This certificate is valid for 4 months from the date of issue (unless revoked)</b></p> <p>Official Veterinarian:</p> <p>Name and address (in capital letters):</p> <p>Date:</p> <p>Official Position:</p> <p>Signature:</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">  </div>	