



**Import Health Standard**  
**for**  
**Ornamental Products of Animal Origin**

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## **PART A. INTRODUCTION**

### **Background**

1. Under section 22 of the Act, this document is the Import Health Standard for Ornamental Products of Animal Origin.
2. A Guidance Document will be issued by MAF to accompany this Import Health Standard. This document will provide guidance information relevant to how the requirements may be met.
3. Consignments of product imported under this standard must comply with the [Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora](#). These requirements are independent of the import health standard requirements.

### **Scope**

4. This standard specifies the requirements that must be met to import ornamental products of animal origin into New Zealand from all countries.
5. For the purposes of this standard, ornamental products of animal origin means non-viable products made of animals, or the parts of animals, that are generally used for decorative/display purposes. This includes:
  - i. Shells, marine ornaments, and dry coral.
  - ii. Manufactured articles derived from horn, bone, beak, tusk and tooth (e.g. knives, jewellery)
  - iii. Fly-tying material containing animal skin/fibre
  - iv. Fully tanned leather and leather goods
  - v. Blown eggs or egg shell ornaments/painting
  - vi. Rawhide articles and handicrafts
  - vii. Mounted and unmounted game trophies
6. The following products are excluded under this standard:
  - i. Commercial hides and skins that are untanned
  - ii. Animal fibres e.g. bristles, wool, fur
  - iii. Feathers on handicrafts e.g. arrows, dream catchers, shields.
  - iv. Preserved animal specimens e.g. in liquid formalin/alcohol
7. Ornamental products of animal origin must meet the general requirements contained in Part B of this standard and the specific requirements contained in Part C of this standard where they apply.

### **Outcome**

8. Except for specified commodities as listed under Part C of this standard, all ornamental products of animal origin must be free of adherent fat, muscle, sinew, blood, extraneous organic material, infestation, and evidence of decay.

## Definitions

The definitions below relate to terms used in this standard

### **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. They can be jackets, shoes, lounge suites, or fully tanned game trophy hides/skins with fibre attached).

### **MAF list of FMD free countries/zones**

A document listing the countries and/or zones that MAF recognise as free from Foot and Mouth Disease (see <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/pests/foot-n-mouth/fmd-free-countries-and-zones.pdf>).

### **Manufacturer's declaration**

A document prepared by the manufacturer (taxidermist) on letterhead paper and signed by the quality manager or equivalent of the manufacturing premises. It must contain the correct statement/s as required by the import conditions, and be specific to the product and consignment.

### **Mounted game trophy**

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.

### **Official veterinarian**

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 [OIE Code](#) pertaining to principles of certification.

### **OIE Code**

The World Organisation for Animal Health's Terrestrial Animal Health Code – available online at <http://www.oie.int/international-standard-setting/terrestrial-code/access-online/>

### **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.

### **Unmounted game trophy**

The skulls, horns, hooves, antlers, bones, tusks, claws, teeth, hides, or skins of a wild animal taken as game from a hunting expedition that have not been fixed onto a mount. The item is to be further processed into a mounted animal trophy by a taxidermist for exhibition.

### **Veterinary certificate**

A certificate, signed by an official veterinarian of the exporting country's competent authority, 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. See *Guidance Document for model veterinary certificates*

## **PART B. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **Documentation**

9. All products imported under this standard must be accompanied by information that identifies the origin of the product (i.e. country or zone), the destination in New Zealand (for unaccompanied goods), and adequately describes the nature of the product.
10. Documentation accompanying products as specified in Part C below must be
  - i. original, unless otherwise specified, AND
  - ii. in English or have an English translation available.

### **Packaging**

11. Packaging must be free of any contaminants, and must be appropriate given the nature of the goods to effectively contain any potential biosecurity risks.

## **PART C. COMMODITY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

### **Game trophy skulls, horns, hooves, antlers, bones, tusks, claws, and teeth**

12. All imports of un-mounted game trophy skulls, horns, hooves, antlers, bones, tusks, claws, and teeth must have been:
  - i. boiled at a minimum of 100°C for at least 30 minutes; AND
  - ii. processed so that all adherent tissues have been completely removed; AND
  - 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
  - iv. verified as free of extraneous organic material, infestation, and evidence of decay; AND
  - v. accompanied by a [manufacturer's declaration](#) verifying the above conditions have been met.

### **Pickled game trophy hides and skins**

13. All imports of un-mounted pickled game trophy hides and skins must have been:
- i. subjected to a pickling process in a solution of salt and mineral acid at a pH equal to or less than 4, AND
  - ii. verified as free of extraneous organic material, infestation, and evidence of decay; AND
  - iii. packaged immediately after treatment in a manner so as to ensure that there is no subsequent contamination with untreated goods of similar nature.
  - iv. accompanied by a [veterinary certificate](#) verifying the above conditions have been met

### **Irradiated game trophy hides and skins**

14. All imports of un-mounted irradiated game trophy hides and skins must have been:
- i. irradiated with a minimum dose of 5 Mrad (50kGy) in a closed and sealed package, AND
  - ii. packaged immediately after treatment in a manner so as to ensure that there is no subsequent contamination with untreated goods of similar nature; AND
  - iii. accompanied by a [veterinary certificate](#) verifying the above conditions have been met.

### **Dried or salted game trophy hides and skins**

15. All imports of un-mounted dried or salted game trophy hides and skins must have been:
- i. derived only from mammalian species; AND
  - ii. verified as free of extraneous organic material, infestation, evidence of decay; AND
  - iii. accompanied by a [veterinary certificate](#) containing attestations in accordance with either clause 18 or 19 of this standard.
16. For hides and skins from countries/zones **free from** foot and mouth disease (as listed in the [MAF list of FMD free countries/zones](#)), the hides/skins have been:
- i. Dried, dry or wet salted, for at least 14 days; AND

- ii. Sourced from an area free from any outbreaks/epidemics of anthrax;  
OR
  - iii. fumigated with ethylene dioxide 500 mg/L, at relative humidity 20 – 40%, at 55°C for 30 minutes; OR
  - iv. fumigated with formaldehyde 400 mg/m<sup>3</sup> at relative humidity 30%, at >15°C for 4 hours; OR
  - v. gamma irradiated with a dose of 40 kGy.
17. For hides and skins from countries **not free** from foot and mouth disease (i.e. not listed in the [MAF list of FMD free countries/zones](#)) the hides/skins have been:
- i. Dry or wet salted with salt containing 2% sodium carbonate for at least 28 days; AND
  - ii. Sourced from an area free from any outbreaks/epidemics of anthrax;  
OR
  - iii. fumigated with ethylene dioxide 500 mg/L, at relative humidity 20 – 40%, at 55°C for 30 minutes; OR
  - iv. fumigated with formaldehyde 400 mg/m<sup>3</sup> at relative humidity 30%, at >15°C for 4 hours; OR
  - v. gamma irradiated with a dose of 40 kGy.

*See Guidance Document for model veterinary certificates*

#### **PART D. CLEARANCE**

18. A biosecurity clearance, under section 26 of the Act, will be issued when ornamental products of animal origin meet all the requirements of this standard.
19. Ornamental products of animal origin that do not meet the requirements of this standard in full must be reshipped, destroyed or treated.
20. 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](#).

## **PART E. EQUIVALENCE**

21. The requirements for ornamental products of animal origin are met if, in the opinion of the Director-General, the measures taken for managing the risks associated with the importation of those goods, are equally effective at managing those risks as the requirements specified in (1) to (20) above. If an equivalence measure(s) is approved MAF will issue a permit to import (under Section 22 of the Act).

## **PART F. REVOCATION**

22. This standard revokes the following standards:

- i. MAF Biosecurity Standard INETROIC.ALL: Ornamental animal products from all countries (7 December 2005)
- ii. MAF Biosecurity Standard INETROIC.EEC: Mammalian game trophies from the European Community (29 September 2004)
- iii. MAF Biosecurity Standard TROFURIC.AUS: Private consignments of un-tanned trophy fur skins from Australia (19 January 1998)