



**GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

**IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR**

**ANIMAL PRODUCTS**

**THAT HAVE UNDERGONE**

**THIRD COUNTRY PROCESSING**

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## Issuing Authority

This standard is issued under section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 (the Act).

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## PART A. INTRODUCTION

### Foreword

This guidance document has been issued to accompany the MAF *Import Health Standard for Animal Products that have Undergone Third Country Processing*. 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. Reviews and amendments will be notified to stakeholders and published on the MAF website.

MAF is committed to ensuring that guidance and advice is sought and considered from affected stakeholders prior to amendments being finalised.

All stakeholders are responsible for ensuring that the most recent version of the guidance document is used.

### Importer responsibilities

The costs to MAF in performing functions relating to the importation of animal products that have undergone third country processing must be recovered in accordance with the Biosecurity Act and any regulations made under that Act. All costs involved with documentation, transport, storage and obtaining a biosecurity clearance must be covered by the importer or agent.

### Permit to import

Where required by the standard or this guidance document, an importer may apply to MAF for an import permit. Application forms can be found on our website at <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/imports/animals/forms>

Completed applications should be submitted to the contact details below.

### Contact details

For all matters relating to the standard and this guidance document, please contact:

**Animal Imports Group**  
**Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry**  
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## PART B: DEFINITIONS

IHS TERM	DEFINITION
<b>Competent Authority</b>	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
<b>Headed, gilled and gutted</b>	Removal of all tissues comprising the head, the gills and the internal organs.
<b>Permit to import</b>	A written order issued by the Director-General of MAF authorising the importation of risk goods to a specified facility, or with an equivalence, or for biosecurity clearance.
<b>OIE</b>	World Organisation for Animal Health.
<b>Salmonids</b>	For the purposes of the import health standard, salmonids means fish in the genera <i>Oncorhynchus</i> , <i>Salmo</i> and <i>Salvelinus</i> .
<b>Third country processed animal product</b>	An animal product for which there is an existing import health standard for importation to New Zealand that has gone to a third country for processing. An Official Assurance Programme agreed between the third country and New Zealand outlines how biosecurity risk is mitigated for the animal product during processing.
<b>Veterinary Authority</b>	The Governmental Authority of an OIE Member, comprising veterinarians, other professionals and para-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.

## PART C: SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

### Salmon eligible for importation to New Zealand that has undergone further processing in Thailand

Documentation accompanying each consignment must include:

1. A copy of the original veterinary certificate for the salmon (ie veterinary certificate used to import the salmon into Thailand), signed and stamped on every page by an official of the Veterinary Authority of the exporting country. The certificate must be from a country where there is an import health standard for salmon to New Zealand, ie from New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Norway or the United States. The certificate must meet all requirements of the relevant import health standard, with the exception that the salmon

can enter Thailand without being headed, gutted and gilled, if this processing is to occur in Thailand.

2. Health certification from the Thai Competent Authority that verifies processing and packaging has occurred in accordance with the Official Accreditation Programme for processed salmon agreed between Thailand and New Zealand. If the fish entered Thailand before it was headed, gilled and gutted, the certificate must include details of this processing.

#### **PART D: AGREED CERTIFICATES**

(Once certificates have been agreed between New Zealand and the countries approved to do third country processing, these certificates will be included here.)

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