



**IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD
FOR ANIMAL PRODUCTS
THAT HAVE UNDERGONE
THIRD COUNTRY PROCESSING**

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PART A. INTRODUCTION

Background

1. Under section 22 of the Act, this document is the Import Health Standard for Animal Products that have undergone Third Country Processing.
2. If this standard needs to be amended or revoked urgently, or the Director General considers that an amendment is minor, the amendment or revocation may be carried out without prior consultation.
3. A guidance document will be issued by MAF New Zealand to accompany this import health standard. The document will provide guidance information relevant to how requirements of the import health standard may be met.

Scope

4. This standard specifies the requirements that must be met to import animal products that are the subject of an existing import health standard issued by MAF New Zealand, and that have undergone further processing in a third country.
5. The third country processed animal products must meet the general requirements contained in PART B of this standard.

Outcomes

6. The desired outcome of this standard is that biosecurity risks associated with the third country processed animal products are effectively managed to reduce any adverse effects these may have on New Zealand's natural and physical resources, the economy or human health and safety.
7. Risk management for the third country processed animal product must be equivalent to that described in the import standard for direct importation of the animal product to New Zealand. To achieve this outcome, an Official Assurance Programme (OAP) must be agreed to between the country where processing occurs and New Zealand. Information presented to support the OAP must demonstrate the following can be met:
 - Quality assurance systems for processing and packaging the product;
 - Quarantine integrity/prevention of substitution of the product;
 - Traceability of the product from the source country through processing and packaging in the third country until exportation to New Zealand.

PART B. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Approved countries

8. A third country processed animal product can only be imported under terms of an Official Assurance Programme agreed to by the third country (where the processing occurs) and New Zealand. A list of third-country processed animal products and corresponding certificates (to show compliance with the agreed Official Assurance Programme) and approved countries is included in the guidance document for this standard.

Documentation accompanying the consignment

9. The documentation that accompanies the third country processed animal product to New Zealand must consist of:

9.1 A certificate for the third-country processed animal product. The certificate must include all requirements of the Official Assurance Programme that have been agreed to by the third country where processing occurs and New Zealand. The certificate must be signed and stamped on every page by an official of the Competent Authority of the third country where processing occurs.

9.2 A copy of the original zoosanitary certificate (i.e. certificate that meets all requirements of the import health standard for the animal product (before processing) for importation into New Zealand, and that is used for importation of the animal product into the third country where processing will occur). This copy is to be endorsed "certified copy of original" and signed by an official of the competent authority of the third country where processing occurs.

9.3 Where required in the OAP, a permit to import.

10. The documentation must be

- original, unless otherwise specified;
- attached securely to the shipping container;
- in English or have an English translation;
- clear and legible.

PART C. CLEARANCE

11. Imported third-country processed animal products that meet the requirements of this import health standard in full may, subject to sections 27 and 28 of the Act, be given clearance.

12. Imported third-country processed animal products that do not meet the conditions of this import health standard in full may be reshipped or destroyed at the importer's expense.

PART D. EQUIVALENCE

13. The requirements for importation of the third-country processed animal product 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 this standard. If an equivalence measure(s) is approved, MAF will issue an import permit (under Section 22 of the Biosecurity Act).