

IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO NEW ZEALAND OF PIG MEAT AND PIG MEAT PRODUCTS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION FROM FINLAND OR SWEDEN

Issued pursuant to Section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993

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****IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR IMPORTERS****

Pig meat and pig meat products from Sweden are no longer eligible for import under this import health standard as Sweden is no longer free from the disease porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome.

Pig meat and pig meat products can be imported under the Import Health Standard for the Importation into New Zealand of Pig Meat for Human Consumption from the European Community available at

<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/imports/animals/standards/meaporic.eec.htm>.

USER GUIDE

The information in MAF animal product import health standards is presented in numerically ordered sections with descriptive titles. Sections are grouped into one of four parts, designated alphabetically.

Part A. GENERAL INFORMATION contains sections of general interest, including those relating to the legal basis for MAF import health standards and the general responsibilities of every importer of animals and animal products.

Part B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE contains sections that outline the requirements to be met prior to and during importation. Whether a permit to import is required to be obtained prior to importation is noted, as are conditions of eligibility, transport and general conditions relating to documentation accompanying the consignment.

Part C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE contains sections describing the requirements to be met at the New Zealand border and, if necessary, in a transitional facility in New Zealand prior to any consignment being given biosecurity clearance.

Part D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION contains model health certification which must be completed by the appropriate personnel as indicated in the certification and accompany the consignment to New Zealand.

PART A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1 IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD

- 1.1 Pursuant to section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, this document is the import health standard for the importation into New Zealand of pig meat and pig meat products for human consumption from Finland or Sweden.
- 1.2 Obtaining biosecurity clearance for each consignment of pig meat and pig meat products for human consumption imported into New Zealand from Finland or Sweden is dependent upon the consignment meeting the requirements of this import health standard.
- 1.3 This import health standard may be reviewed, amended or revoked if there are changes in New Zealand's import policy or the animal health status of the originating country, or for any other lawful reason, at the discretion of the Biosecurity Standards Group Manager.

2 IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 Commercial consignments of products imported into New Zealand for human consumption must comply with the Food Act 1981. These requirements are independent of the import health standard requirements and are managed by the New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZFSA). Importers are advised to consult the NZFSA website: www.nzfsa.govt.nz/imported-food/index.htm or contact the NZFSA.
- 2.2 Once the consignment has been given biosecurity clearance into New Zealand, it is the importer's responsibility to ensure (where relevant) that the consignment complies with the Animal Products Act 1999, especially if it is returned New Zealand product, product entering operations also used for the export of animal products, or if it is to be re-exported. Information about these requirements can be obtained from the New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZFSA) website at www.nzfsa.govt.nz/animalproducts/publications/omar/01-172.htm or by contacting the local NZFSA Verification Agency office. Certification and other official assurance requirements which may be applicable are accessible at www.nzfsa.govt.nz/animalproducts/publications/manualsguides/oap/index.htm
- 2.3 The costs to MAF in performing functions relating to the importation of pig meat and pig meat products for human consumption from Finland or Sweden shall be recovered in accordance with the Biosecurity Act and any regulations made under that Act.
- 2.4 All costs involved with documentation, transport, storage and obtaining a biosecurity direction and/or biosecurity clearance shall be borne by the importer or agent.

3 DEFINITION OF TERMS

Biosecurity clearance

A clearance under section 26 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 for the entry of goods into New Zealand

Pig meat and pig meat products for human consumption

Includes all fresh, frozen, cooked or preserved meat and meat products derived from domestic pigs (*Sus scrofa*).

Biosecurity Standards Group Manager

The Biosecurity Standards Group Manager, Biosecurity New Zealand, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, or any person who for the time being may lawfully exercise and perform the power and functions of the Biosecurity Standards Group Manager.

Inspector

A person who is appointed an inspector under section 103 of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

MAF

The New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Official Veterinarian

A veterinarian authorised by the National Veterinary Competent Authority of the country to perform animal health and/or public health inspections of commodities and, when appropriate, perform certification in conformity with the provisions of the chapter of the OIE *Code* pertaining to principles of certification and Council Directive 96/93/EC.

4 EQUIVALENCE

- 4.1 It is expected that the animal product will meet the conditions of this import health standard in every respect. If the products do not comply with the requirements, an application for equivalence may be submitted to MAF for consideration. Detailed information supporting the application for equivalence must be forwarded to MAF for a decision.

PART B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE**5 PERMIT TO IMPORT**

- 5.1 Importations of pig meat or pig meat products for human consumption into New Zealand from Finland or Sweden which meet the requirements of this import health standard may, subject to sections 27 and 28 of the Biosecurity Act, be given biosecurity clearance and do not require a biosecurity direction to a transitional facility. As such, they do not require a permit to import.

6 ELIGIBILITY

- 6.1 The products must be derived from animals that were continuously resident in Sweden or Finland since birth.

7 DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

- 7.1 The consignment shall be accompanied by appropriately completed health certification which meets the requirements of PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION.
- 7.2 Documentation shall be in English, but may be bilingual (language of exporting country/English).
- 7.3 It is the importer's responsibility to ensure that any documentation presented in accordance with the requirements of this import health standard is original (unless otherwise specified) and clearly legible. Failure to do so may result in delays in obtaining biosecurity direction and/or clearance or rejection of consignments.

PART C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

8 BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

- 8.1 Upon arrival in New Zealand the documentation accompanying the consignment shall be inspected by an Inspector at the port of arrival.
- 8.2 Providing that the documentation meets all requirements noted under PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION, and the consignment meets the conditions of ELIGIBILITY, the consignment may, subject to sections 27 and 28 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, be given a biosecurity clearance pursuant to section 26 of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

9 NEGOTIATED EXPORT CERTIFICATION

- 9.1 The following Model Zoosanitary Certificate contains the information required by MAF to accompany imports of pig meat and pig meat products for human consumption from Finland or Sweden into New Zealand:

10 MODEL ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

Commodity: PIG MEAT AND PIG MEAT PRODUCTS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

Exporting Member State:

Competent Ministry of Exporting Member State:

I. Identification of Product

Number of packages:

Nature of packaging:

Nature of the goods:

Species product derived from:

Net weight in kilograms (kg):

Number of the container(s) and container seal number(s):

Production date(s):

II. Origin of Product

Name and official approval number(s) of establishment(s):

Product derived from animals born and reared
(List applicable Member State)

III. Consignment Information

Place of loading:

Name and address of consignor:

Name and address of consignee:

Port of Disembarkation:

Country of Final Destination: NEW ZEALAND

IV. Health Attestation

VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

I,, an Official Veterinarian authorised by the Veterinary Authority of..... (exporting EU country) certify, with respect to the pig meat or pig meat products identified in this Zoosanitary Certificate, that:

1. The country of origin, (either Sweden or Finland) is free of porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome.
2. African swine fever, foot and mouth disease, hog cholera (classical swine fever), rinderpest and swine vesicular disease have not occurred in the country of origin during the previous 12 months.
3. The products were derived from animals that were continuously resident in (either Sweden or Finland) since birth.
4. The products were derived from animals which passed veterinary ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection.
5. The products originate from a government licensed slaughtering establishment that slaughters animals for human consumption and operates under Government Veterinary Supervision.
6. The products are sound and fit for human consumption.

Name and Signature of *Official Veterinarian*:

Date:

Name and address of office:

N.B. Official stamp of the government veterinary authority of the exporting country must be applied to all pages of zoosanitary certification.

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