

REQUEST FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AN IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD (Animal Products)



Filling in your application form:

- A separate form is required for each type of animal product.
- You must complete ALL questions or mark as not applicable. This information is essential for the prioritisation of your request. If all questions are not completed, the application will not be processed.
- Please attach any supplementary information to this completed form and return to MAF preferably by email to: animalimports@maf.govt.nz

Once we have received your application:

- MAF will acknowledge receipt of your application.
- MAF will prioritise your request and you will be advised of the result.
- If your request can be prioritised on the work programme based on self-funding, you will be contacted.
- The import health standard work programme will be published at: <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/imports/ihs/request#making>.

Confidential information

- Under the Official Information Act 1982, MAF is required to release information if requested. MAF may withhold information where it is considered confidential or commercially sensitive.
- Some of the questions on this form may require applicants to provide sensitive information. If you consider that the information you are providing is commercially sensitive, or provided in confidence, and should not be released by MAF, please give your reasons below. (Please note that MAF will publish the annual work programme, a list of all requested work, risk analyses and import health standards.)

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Contact details of importer

1. Name of company or individual

Contact person

Postal address

Email address

Telephone No.

Fax No.

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Country of origin

1. Exporting country
2. Country or countries from which the animal product was produced or where animal product ingredients were derived.

Description of intended consignment

3. List the name of the product and describe its state (e.g. dried, frozen, refrigerated etc).
4. Describe how the product is packaged, contained, labelled and sealed (include whether the product is packaged for direct retail sale).
5. List the percentages of all ingredients in the product by weight (if a dry product) or volume (if a liquid product) in order from the major ingredient to minor ingredients.
6. Outline the manufacturing process for the product (*providing production flow charts if available*).
8. State the core (internal) temperature the product(s) reach and the length of time this temperature is maintained (*if no heat treatment – state so in box provided*).

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9. Describe any other treatments designed to render the product(s) sterile (e.g. filtration, acid or alkali treatment, irradiation, long term maturation etc). Include relevant parameters (e.g. pH level, radiation dose) and the time the product is maintained at these levels.

10. List any quality assurance standards that the manufacturing facility operates under (*Include both national and international standards*).

11. Provide contact details of the government authority (equivalent organisation to MAF) in the exporting country responsible for official inspection and certification¹.

12. Are these products exported to other countries? (List all countries and attach copies of their import conditions and associated export certificates).

Background information

13. If MAF has issued any permits to you for similar animal products in the past, provide the permit number(s) or the date that the last permit was issued and a description of the commodity.

¹ The exporting government authority will be required to provide information during the development of the import health standard.

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Prioritisation

14. What technical information has been published that would assist MAF to assess the biosecurity risks resulting from importing the requested animal product? For example, published risk assessments, international codes or standards, peer reviewed articles, findings of research projects. Please attach copies of relevant documents or reference sources.

15. Obtain from the government authority of the exporting country a list of pests and diseases present in their country that may be associated with the requested species?

16. What commercial benefits would there be to New Zealanders if this animal product was imported? In terms of better quality/different or lower priced products? Quantify if you can.

17. Is the animal product used as an input into other commodities/industries? How big are these industries?

18. What is your expected volume or value of trade, within 12 months and over the longer term?

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19. What other benefits would there be to New Zealanders if this animal product was imported (e.g. economic, social or cultural, environmental or human health)? In terms of better quality/different/lower priced products? Quantify if you can. And who are the beneficiaries?

20. Do you anticipate public concern over the requested import health standard? If so, why?

Funding

Crown funding is allocated to the applications that are ranked as highest priority. When Crown funding has been fully allocated, applicants that have indicated they are willing to fund development themselves will be offered that option, in order of priority and provided suitable resources can be found to perform the work.

19. If you were offered the option, would you be willing to fund development of the import health standard you have requested?

Please check you have:

- Completed all questions or marked not applicable
- Attached any supporting documents