

# IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION OF SCOURED CASHMERE/MOHAIR/WOOL INTO NEW ZEALAND FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

## 1. IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD

Pursuant to section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, this document is the import health standard for the importation of scoured cashmere/mohair/wool into New Zealand from the People's Republic of China.

## 2. PERMIT TO IMPORT

A permit to import is **not** required for the importation of this product.

## 3. INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED BY IMPORTER

The importer must supply the following information:

- name and address of exporter
- name and address of manufacturer
- description and type of product

## 4. REVIEW OF IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD

The import health standard may be reviewed and amended if there are changes in New Zealand's import policy, or the animal health status of the originating country, or for any other reason, at the discretion of the Chief Veterinary Officer.

## 5. DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

The import health standard and all the required certification, which must be in English or a bilingual (language of specified country/English) form, must accompany the consignment to New Zealand.

## 6. IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

All costs associated with the importation, which include testing, treatment, transport, servicing and veterinary certification must be borne by the importer.

## 7. DISPENSATION APPLICATION

The attached health conditions have been agreed as being suitable for trade between the exporting and the importing countries. It is expected that the animal product will meet the conditions in every respect.

Occasionally it is found that, due to circumstances beyond the importer's control, the products do not comply completely with the requirements. In such cases an application for dispensation will be considered and issued at the discretion of the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture, but only if the following information is forwarded by the certifying authority:

- 7.1 which clause/s of the health requirements cannot be met and how this has occurred;
- 7.2 the reason the animal product is considered to be of an "equivalent health" status and/or what proposal is made to return the animal product to an equivalent health status as set-out in the health conditions;
- 7.3 the reasons why the certifying authority believe this proposal should be acceptable to the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and their recommendation for its acceptance.

## 8. ELIGIBILITY FOR IMPORTATION

The products are one of the following:

- 8.1 scoured and dehaired cashmere
- 8.2 scoured and carded wool/mohair (sliver)
- 8.3 scoured and combed wool/mohair (tops)

## 9. MANUFACTURER'S DECLARATION

Each consignment must be accompanied by a declaration from the manufacturer which states that:

- 9.1 the cashmere/mohair/wool fibre originates entirely from animals resident in The People's Republic of China.
- 9.2 during processing the cashmere/mohair/wool has been scoured with a non-ionic detergent at a minimum temperature of 62°C for at least 6 minutes, then dried at a minimum temperature of 70°C for at least 2 minutes.
- 9.3 after scouring, the cashmere/mohair/wool was EITHER:
  - 9.3.1 carded in a machine incorporating a crushing roller operating at not less than 4000 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>

OR

9.3.2 processed through a combing machine incorporating teeth with a maximum separation of 1.0 mm.

9.4 the manufactured products have not been in contact with unprocessed cashmere/mohair/wool.

9.5 the products were packed in new clean packaging.

10. HEALTH CERTIFICATION

Each consignment must be accompanied by a certificate from a veterinary officer of the Animal and Plant Quarantine Services which states that:

10.1 After due enquiry, I have no reason to doubt the veracity of the Manufacturer's Declaration.

10.2 I have examined the records of the manufacturer, inspected the manufacturing plant and certify that the measures taken by the manufacturer are adequate to ensure that post-processing contamination does not occur.

11. BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

A Biosecurity Clearance will be issued provided the documentation is in order.

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