



Hides and Skins

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Guidance Document: Hides and Skins

About this document

This guidance document contains information about acceptable ways of ensuring compliance with the requirements in the *Import Health Standard (IHS): Hides and Skins*.

Any guidance on how to comply with the applicable requirements may not be the only way to achieve compliance. Stakeholders are encouraged to discuss departures from the approaches outlined in this guidance document with the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) to avoid expending resources on the development of alternative approaches which may later be considered unsuitable.

The term “must” is not typically used in guidance. In this particular document if the term “must” is used, it is used in the context of quoting or paraphrasing the requirements set out in the related *IHS: Hides and Skins*.

Related Requirements

IHS: Hides and Skins, HIDEKIN.ALL

Document history

Refer to Appendix 1.

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1 Purpose

- (1) This guidance document has been issued to accompany the *IHS: Hides and Skins*. This guidance document should be read in conjunction with that IHS.
- (2) This document includes:
 - a) A model veterinary certificate.
 - b) Links to agreed country-specific veterinary certificates.

2 Background

- (1) The *IHS: Hides and Skins* which this guidance document accompanies, contains import requirements. These are the rules to manage the biosecurity risk of importing hides and skins from all countries that can meet the requirements of the IHS and in doing so meet New Zealand's appropriate level of protection. The IHS serves as the basis for country-to-country (bilateral) negotiations. This guidance document contains a model veterinary certificate and the bilaterally-agreed country-specific veterinary certification for trade in hides and skins. Country-specific veterinary certificates represent what will be certified prior to exporting consignments of hides and skins from the country specified.

3 Definitions

- (1) Refer to Schedule 1 in the *IHS: Hides and Skins*.

4 Importer Responsibilities

- (1) The costs to MPI in performing functions relating to the importation of hides and skins will be recovered in accordance with the Biosecurity Act 1993 (the 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.
- (2) Consignments that do not comply with the requirements of the IHS may be re-shipped, rendered or destroyed using an MPI-approved destruction method.

5 Guidance

5.1 Equivalence

- (1) MPI may accept an alternative method, system or process that can be shown to achieve the biosecurity requirements of the IHS (i.e. equivalence).
- (2) MPI's preference is that the exporting country's Competent Authority makes equivalence requests. Equivalence requests can be lodged with animal.imports@mpi.govt.nz.
- (3) An import permit may be required where specific equivalence measures are approved by MPI. An import permit serves as evidence of equivalence decisions and will be written as specific notes in the special conditions section of the permit.
- (4) Import permit application forms can be found on the MPI website at: [Application for Permit to Import Animal Products](#).
- (5) Completed applications are lodged with Animal Imports animal.imports@mpi.govt.nz.

5.2 Incorporation of material by reference

- (1) Incorporation by reference means that standards, guidelines or lists are incorporated into the IHS and they form part of the requirements. This is done because technical documents are too large or impractical to include in the IHS.
- (2) Where the IHS states that section 142O(1) of the Act does not apply, this means that importers need to refer to the most recent version of any standards, guidelines or lists that are incorporated by reference in the IHS.

5.3 Harmonised system (HS) codes

- (1) The harmonised system is an international product numbering classification developed by the World Customs Organization (WCO). The New Zealand harmonised system is found here:
<http://aria.stats.govt.nz/aria/>.
- (2) Animal products imported using the IHS will be under the following HS Code:

HS Code	Commodity Description
05	Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included

5.4 Exporting country system and certification

5.4.1 Agreed country specific veterinary certificates

- (1) All country-specific veterinary certificates agreed between an exporting country's Competent Authority and MPI are included in the table below:

Country	Link to certificate	S27 CTO direction #	Date agreed	Date applicable for use
European Union	EU Veterinary Certificate	CTO direction 2015 043	NZ/EU Agreement (98/132/EC) as last amended	May 8, 2015 Note: This certificate is only for hides and skins of ungulates. Members of the Family <i>Equidae</i> are excluded.

- (2) Country-specific veterinary certificates with equivalent measures will be recorded with a number relevant to a Chief Technical Officer (CTO) direction under section 27(1)d(iii) of the Act, to enable border staff to clear the goods and record the number in the MPI database.
- (3) When a newly negotiated country-specific veterinary certificate replaces one which is currently in use, the application of new import conditions will apply according to the dates listed in the table. At that time previous veterinary certificates for that country can no longer be used.

5.5 Inspection and verification

- (1) On arrival, all documentation accompanying the consignment will be verified by an inspector. The inspector may also inspect the consignment, or a sample of the consignment on arrival.
- (2) Inspectors are able to inspect and verify due to their authorised powers under the Act.
- (3) This inspection and verification is independent of the IHS requirements.


6 Specified Requirements for Identified Risk Organisms

6.1 Model veterinary certificate

- (1) Below is a model veterinary certificate for trade in hides and skins. This model meets the requirements of the *IHS: Hides and Skins*.
- (2) This model veterinary certificate format is based on the *Code* Chapter for model veterinary certificates for international trade in products of animal origin.

Part 1: Details of dispatched consignment	1.1. Consignor (Exporter): Name: Address:	1.2. Certificate reference number:
		1.3. Competent Authority:
	1.4. Consignee (Importer): Name: Address:	
	1.5. Country of origin:	1.6. Zone or compartment of origin:
	1.7. Country of destination:	1.8. Zone or compartment of destination:
	1.9. Place of origin: Name: Address:	
	1.10. Place of shipment:	1.11. Date of departure:
	1.12. Means of transport: <input type="checkbox"/> Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Ship Identification:	1.13. Species derived from:
		1.14. Hides and skins derived from animals born and reared in:
	1.15. Description of commodity:	1.16. Net weight (kgs):
		1.17. Total number:
	1.18. Temperature of commodities for transport: <input type="checkbox"/> Ambient <input type="checkbox"/> Chilled <input type="checkbox"/> Frozen	1.19. Total number of packages:
1.20. Identification of container/serial number:	1.21. Type of packaging:	
1.22. Processing establishment: Name: Address: ID number:		

Part 2: Veterinary Information	Country:	Certificate reference number:
	<p>I, the undersigned Official Veterinarian, after due examination certify that the hides and skins in this consignment:</p> <p>(1) appear clean, and are not visibly contaminated with soil, dirt, plant/seed material and arthropod pests.</p> <p>(2) have been packaged in new, clean, and secure packaging that is free from any extraneous contamination.</p> <p><i>Please delete clauses not applicable to product for export.</i></p> <p>For processed hides and skins¹</p> <p>(3) Pigs</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(a) Have been subjected to a liming process at a pH equal to or greater than 12.5; or</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(b) Have been subjected to a pickling process in a solution of salt and mineral acid at a pH less than 3.</p> <p>(4) All other species</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(a) Have been subjected to a liming process at a pH equal to or greater than 12.5; or</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(b) Have been subjected to a pickling process in a solution of salt and mineral acid at a pH equal to or less than 4.</p> <p>For salted or dried hides and skins from specified animals²</p> <p>(5) Consignments of salted or dried hides and skins must originate from animals that have been slaughtered in a government licensed processing establishment.</p> <p>(6) Anthrax requirements (for ruminants, alpacas, llamas, horses, donkeys and pigs):</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(a) Originate from establishments that were not subject to restrictions imposed for the control of anthrax; and</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(b) Originate from animals that have been slaughtered in a government-licensed processing establishment under the direct supervision of an official veterinarian, subjected to ante and post-mortem inspection, and certified as fit for human consumption; and</p> <p>(7) Foot and mouth disease (FMD) virus requirements (for ruminants, alpacas, llamas, and pigs only):</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(a) Originate from a country that is officially free from FMD in accordance with the Code; or</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(b) Have been treated for 28 days with salt containing 2% sodium carbonate.</p> <p>For casualty (slink) skins³</p> <p>(8) Anthrax requirements:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(a) Originate from establishments that were not subject to restrictions imposed for the control of anthrax; and</p> <p>(9) FMD requirements:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(a) Originate from a country that is officially free from FMD in accordance with the Code; or</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(b) Have been treated for 28 days with salt containing 2% sodium carbonate.</p> <p>For macropod hides and skins</p> <p>(10) Anthrax requirements:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(a) Originate from establishments that were not subject to restrictions imposed for the control of anthrax; or</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(b) Originate from animals that have been processed under the Australian Standard for the Hygienic Production of Game Meat for Human Consumption and have passed a post-mortem inspection in a government-licensed processing establishment.</p> <p>¹ Hides and skins that have been pickled and/or limed; this includes wet whites, wet blues, and wet browns.</p> <p>² Hides and skins that have been air dried or dry/wet salted derived from the following farmed animals: alpacas, buffalo, cattle, deer, emus, goats, horses, donkeys, llamas, ostriches, pigs, and sheep.</p> <p>³ Skins derived from a lamb or calf up to the age of 6 months that has died of natural causes, also known as slink skins.</p>	

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