



Guidance Document

Bee Products

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About this document

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

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: Bee Products*.

Related requirements

Import Health Standard: Bee Products.

Document history

Refer to Appendix 1.

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1 Purpose

- (1) This guidance document has been issued to accompany the *IHS: Bee Products*. This guidance document should be read in conjunction with that IHS.
- (2) This document includes:
 - a) A model veterinary certificate.
 - b) A model manufacturer's declaration.

2 Background

- (1) The *IHS: Bee Products*, which this guidance document accompanies contains generic import requirements. These are the rules to manage the biosecurity risk of importing bee products from all countries that can meet the requirements of the IHS and in doing so meet New Zealand's appropriate level of protection. This guidance document contains a model veterinary certificate for trade in bee products.
- (2) General information about importing animal products can be found here:
<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/imports/animals/standards/general-animal-bio-products.htm>

3 Definitions

- (1) Refer to Schedule 2 in *IHS: Bee Products*.

4 Importer Responsibilities

- (1) The costs to MPI in performing functions relating to the importation of bee products 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.

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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 animalimports@mpi.govt.nz.
- (3) A permit to import bee products is required where stated in this IHS. Otherwise, a permit is not required where the conditions of this IHS are met.
- (4) A permit may be required where specific equivalence measures are approved by MPI as per the equivalence clause in the IHS. A permit to import serves as evidence of equivalence decisions and will be written as specific notes in the special conditions section of the permit.
- (5) Permit to import application forms can be found on the MPI website at:
<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/imports/animals/forms>.
- (6) Completed applications are lodged with animalimports@mpi.govt.nz.

5.2 Food Act 1981 and Animal Products Act 1999

- (1) Commercial consignments of products imported into New Zealand for human consumption must comply with relevant requirements of the Food Act 1981 and the Food Act 2014 as it comes into force, and the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code. Importers of food intended for sale for human consumption must be listed with MPI. These requirements are independent of the IHS requirements. Importers are advised to consult MPI's food safety website:
<http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/industry/importing/>.
- (2) The importation of the following animal material or product must comply with the inspection requirements issued in Overseas Market Access Requirements (OMAR) 01/172 under the Animal Products Act 1999:
 - a) Imported animal material or product, or product containing animal material or product, that is of New Zealand origin and have been returned to New Zealand for domestic sale or use, or for re-export, and
 - b) Imported animal material or product of foreign origin intended for export or further processing for export.
- (3) A prerequisite requirement of this OMAR is biosecurity clearance. The inspection requirements can be found at: <http://foodsafety.govt.nz/industry/general/animal-products/omars/01-172.htm> or obtained from your local Verification Services office <http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/about/verification-agency/contact.htm>

5.3 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) These requirements are independent of the IHS requirements.

5.4 Agreed veterinary certificates for approved Pacific Island countries

- (1) A model veterinary certificate is provided in this guidance document and can be used by the Competent Authority as a template for veterinary certificates from Niue, Pitcairn Island and Samoa.

5.5 Model manufacturer's declaration

- (1) A model manufacturer's declaration is provided in this guidance document and can be used by the manufacturer as a template for specifying treatment conditions for bee products.

5.6 Examples of products covered by the IHS

5.6.1 Processed foods and beverages

- (1) Baked, boiled or fried foods such as cookies, cakes, crackers, pet food; beverages such as energy drinks, honey brandy and mead; pet food and nougat.

5.6.2 Dietary supplements and medical preparations

- (1) Bee products made into pills, tablets, packaged into single serving packets, lip balm, throat sprays, skin creams, toothpaste, bandages, salves, lotions, shampoo.

5.6.3 Cosmetics

- (1) Bee products made into lipstick, lip liner, eye shadow, eyeliner, blush, foundation, face powder.

5.6.4 Beeswax and beeswax products

- (1) Crayons, candles, polish for leather or wood.

5.7 Bee products not covered by the IHS

- (1) Some bee products have been assessed as presenting negligible risk in personal consignments only. These are not covered in this IHS but can be found in the *Import Health Standard for Specified Foods for Human Consumption Containing Animal Products* ([EDIPROIC.ALL](#)).
- (2) Samples of honey and other bee products imported for evaluation and subsequent destruction at transitional facilities must be imported under the *Import Health Standard for Biological Products (Including Samples)* ([BIOPRODIC.ALL](#)).

5.8 Bee products directed to a transitional facility

- (1) Consignments of royal jelly, bee larvae, bee pollen and propolis without a manufacturer's declaration specifying an approved treatment must be directed to a bee-proof transitional facility under the facility standard *General Transitional Facility for Uncleared Goods* ([MPI-STD-TFGEN](#)), Annex F (applying to Clause 5.8 of that standard). The transitional facility and the bee product must be accurately described on a valid permit to import.

5.9 Bee products eligible for clearance from a transitional facility

- (1) Bee larvae powder, royal jelly and bee pollen must be encapsulated or treated at the transitional facility listed on the permit prior to release from the facility. The outer layer of those capsules must not contain any substance that is attractive to bees, including, but not limited to sugar, fruit, honey, pollen or royal jelly.
- (2) Bee products are not considered risk material when they have been manufactured into shelf-ready packaging, in ready-to-sell merchandised units for retail sale. Bee product risk materials must not be released from the transitional facility listed on the permit until they are shelf-ready.
- (3) Transferring risk goods from a transitional facility to another transitional, or containment facility, such as samples being sent for analysis, require transfer approval from MPI Inspectors.


5.10 Non-risk goods

- (1) The following specified items are not considered risk goods and may be given clearance under the IHS:
 - a) Didgeridoos with natural beeswax polish and beeswax mouthpiece.

6 Model Documents

6.1 Model veterinary certificate (approved Pacific Islands only)

Part 1: Details of dispatched consignment	1.1. Consignor (Exporter): Name: Address:	1.2. Permit number (where applicable)
		1.3. Competent Authority:
	1.4. Consignee (Importer): Name: Address:	
	1.5. Country of origin: <input type="checkbox"/> Niue <input type="checkbox"/> Pitcairn <input type="checkbox"/> Samoa	
	1.6. Country of destination:	
	1.7. Place of origin: Name: Address:	
	1.8. Place of shipment:	1.9. Date of departure:
	1.10. Means of transport: <input type="checkbox"/> Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Ship Identification:	
	1.11. Description of commodity:	
	1.12. Temperature of commodities for transport:	1.13. Total number of packages:
	1.14. Identification of container/serial number:	1.15. Type of packaging:
	1.16. Identification of commodity: <input type="checkbox"/> Honey <input type="checkbox"/> Wax	

Part 2: Veterinary Information	Country: Niue / Pitcairn Island / Samoa	Certificate reference number:
	<p>I, , an official government veterinarian or a veterinarian authorised to provide export certification on behalf of the government veterinary service certify the following:</p> <p>(1) (Niue/Pitcairn Island/Samoa) is an approved country for export of honey to New Zealand.</p> <p>(2) (Niue/Pitcairn Island/Samoa) is free from European foulbrood, small hive beetle and Israeli acute paralysis virus.</p> <p>(3) (Niue/Pitcairn Island/Samoa) is free from American foulbrood; or</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) American foulbrood is under an approved control programme in (Niue/Pitcairn Island/Samoa).</p>	
	Official Veterinarian Name: Address: Email:	Signature: Date: <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>

6.2 Model manufacturer's declaration

Company Letterhead	
Importer name: Address:	
Country of destination: New Zealand	Country of origin:
Description of bee product and/or commodity:	
(1) Please provide the following information as applicable: (a) Treatment applied to bee product during production (attach flow diagram if more than one treatment). (b) Time and temperature. (c) Radiation in kGy. (d) Extraction chemicals. (e) Process or percent alcohol immersion.	
I, _____ the Quality Manager (or equivalent) of the manufacturing premises declare that the bee product in this consignment has undergone the above treatment prior to shipping.	
Name:	
Signature:	Date:

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