

# IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO NEW ZEALAND OF BOVINE MEAT (BEEF) FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

**ANNEX A ASSIGNED NUMBERS (AN) 4A.1, 5A.1, 6A.1, 7B.1, 7C.1, 7D.1,**

**Issued pursuant to Section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993**

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## Important information for importers and MPI Border

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Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993, zoosanitary certificates can be accepted from European Union countries where Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 is referenced, in place of Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002, in the *Health Attestation or Additional Declaration/ Guarantees* section in the zoosanitary certificates.

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Under CTO Direction **CTO 2017 022 [B]**, products sourced from non-EU countries no longer require the additional declarations included in the Eligibility section of this IHS to be on the zoosanitary certificate.

Copies of the original "import" certificate of the non-EU country are also no longer required.

8 October 2014

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993, Chief Technical Officer Direction **CTO 2014 138 [B]** The certificate validity statement – 'This certificate is valid for 4 months from the date of issue (unless revoked)' is no longer required.

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The following information relates to Chief Technical Officer Direction **CTO 2013 061**.

The European Union (EU) has replaced some of the legislation listed in the model zoosanitary certificate. Clearance will be given when import certification lists the most current legislation in place of the repealed legislation, where all other requirements of the Import Health Standard for Importing Bovine Meat (Beef) for Human Consumption from the European Union are met.

The relevant current EU Directives are the following:

For fresh meat: Council Directive 64/432/EEC, Council Directive 2002/99/EC, Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 852/2004, (EC) No 853/2004 and (EC) No 854/2004.

For meat products derived from fresh meat: Council Directive 64/432/EEC, Council Directive 92/118/EEC, Council Directive 2002/99/EC, Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 852/2004, (EC) No 853/2004 and (EC) No 854/2004.

For meat preparations derived from fresh meat: Council Directive 64/432/EEC, Council Directive 2002/99/EC, Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 852/2004, (EC) No 853/2004 and (EC) No 854/2004.

For processed bones and bone products derived from fresh meat, processed animal protein products derived from fresh meat and blood and blood products from fresh meat: Council Directive 64/432/EEC, Council Directive 92/118/EEC, Council Directive 2002/99/EC, Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 852/2004, (EC) No 853/2004 and (EC) No 854/2004.

## **USER GUIDE**

The information in MAF animal and 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 bovine meat (beef) for human consumption from the European Community.
- 1.2 Obtaining biosecurity clearance for each consignment of bovine meat (beef) for human consumption from the European Community is dependent on 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 Director Animal Biosecurity.

## **2. IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 2.1 The costs of MAF in performing functions relating to the importation of bovine meat (beef) shall be recovered in accordance with the Biosecurity Act and any regulations made under that Act.
- 2.2 All costs involved with documentation, transport, storage and obtaining a biosecurity direction and/or biosecurity clearance shall be borne by the importer or agent.
- 2.3 Commercial consignments of products imported into New Zealand for human consumption in New Zealand 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 contact the NZFSA or consult the NZFSA website: [www.nzfsa.govt.nz/imported-food/index.htm](http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/imported-food/index.htm)
- 2.4 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: [www.nzfsa.govt.nz/animalproducts/publications/omar/01-172.htm](http://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](http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/animalproducts/publications/manualsguides/oap/index.htm)

## **3. DEFINITION OF TERMS**

### **64/432/EEC**

Council Directive 64/432/EEC of 26 June 1964 on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine.

### **64/433/EEC**

Council Directive 64/433/EEC of 26 June 1964 on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat.

### **72/461/EEC**

Council Directive 72/461/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat.

### **72/462/EEC**

Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine, ovine and caprine animals and swine and fresh meat or

meat products from third countries.

#### **77/99/EEC**

Council Directive 77/99/EEC of 21 December 1976 on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in meat products.

#### **80/215/EEC**

Council Directive 80/215/EEC of 22 January 1980 on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in meat products.

#### **92/118/EEC**

Council Directive 92/118/EEC of 17 December 1992 laying down animal health and public health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of products not subject to the said requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A (I) to Directive 89/662/EEC and, as regards pathogens, to Directive 90/425/EEC.

#### **94/65/EC**

Council Directive 94/65/EC of 14 December 1994 laying down the requirements for the production and placing on the market of minced meat and meat preparations.

#### **97/132/EC**

Council Decision 97/132/EC of 17 December 1996 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and New Zealand on sanitary measures applicable to trade in live animals and animal products.

#### **Regulation (EC) No 999/2001**

Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2001 laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies.

#### **2002/99/EC**

Council Directive 2002/99/EC of 16 December 2002 laying down the animal health rules governing the production, processing, distribution and introduction of products of animal origin for human consumption.

#### **Biosecurity clearance**

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

#### **Bovine meat (beef)**

As defined in Council Directive 64/433/EEC. This includes all parts of domestic bovine animals (including buffalo, *Bubalus bubalis*, and bison, *Bison bison*) that are suitable for human consumption. Commodities that may be imported under this import health standard include fresh meat, meat products, minced meat, meat preparations, bones and bone products, processed animal protein products, blood and blood products.

**Director Animal Biosecurity**

The Director Animal 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 Director Animal Biosecurity.

**European Community**

Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands and United Kingdom.

**Fresh meat**

As defined in Council Directive 64/433/EEC and 79/542/EEC. This refers to meat, including meat vacuum-wrapped or wrapped in a controlled atmosphere, which has not undergone any treatment other than cold treatment to ensure preservation. This includes minced meat and unprocessed (fresh) blood, bones and fat for human consumption.

**MAF**

New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

**Meat preparations**

As defined in Council Directive 94/65/EC. Refers to meat which has had foodstuffs, seasonings or additives added to it, or meat which has undergone a treatment insufficient to modify the internal cellular structure of the meat and thus to cause the characteristics of the fresh meat to disappear.

**Meat products**

As defined in Council Directive 77/99/EEC. This refers to products prepared from or with meat which has undergone treatment such that the cut surface shows that the product no longer has the characteristics of fresh meat (e.g. cooked or cured). The following are not regarded as meat products: meat which has undergone only cold treatment, or raw meat which has been minced or seasoned.

**Minced meat**

As defined in Council Directive 94/65/EC. Refers to meat that has been minced into fragments or passed through a spiral-screw mincer.

**New Zealand Inspector**

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

**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.

## **Processed animal protein**

As defined in Council Directive 92/118/EEC. This refers to greaves (protein containing residue of rendering), meatmeal (meat powder or stock powder) and pork rind powder.

## **PART B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE**

### **4. PERMIT TO IMPORT**

4.1 A permit to import is not required.

### **5. ELIGIBILITY**

5.1 For bovine meat products which have been imported into the European Community from a third country and are subsequently destined for export to New Zealand, the following requirements must be met:

5.1.1 In each case, the product must originate from a third country eligible to export the product directly to New Zealand i.e. Australia, Mexico and Vanuatu.

5.1.2 The following additional declaration shall be included on the model health certificate (see PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION):

“The product described herein was derived/partly derived from product which:

- i. was imported into the European Union Community from: .....  
(Country/countries of origin)
- ii. was further stored, handled, processed, wrapped, and/or packaged in an establishment which is eligible to process product for intra-Community trade,
- iii. is the subject of an existing import health standard between New Zealand and the third country/countries where the product originated (see clause 5.1.1),
- iv. originated in a third country/countries and establishment(s) listed by the European Community and is eligible for export to the European Community.”

5.1.3 A copy of the original “import” certificate (i.e. certificate(s) used to import the product into the European Community) is to be attached to the signed Member State health certificate (see PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION). This copy is to be endorsed “certified copy of original” and signed by the certifying officer.

### **6. DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT**

6.1 The consignment shall be accompanied by appropriately completed health certification which meets the requirements of PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION.

- 6.2 Documentation shall be in English, but may be bilingual (language of exporting country/English).
- 6.3 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**

### **7. BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE**

- 7.1 Upon arrival in New Zealand the documentation accompanying the consignment shall be inspected by an Inspector at the port of arrival.
- 7.2 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**

### **8. NEGOTIATED EXPORT CERTIFICATION**

- 8.1 The following Model Zoosanitary Certificate contains the information required by MAF to accompany imports of bovine meat (beef) for human consumption from the European Community into New Zealand:

**9. ANIMAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR BOVINE MEAT (BEEF) – ANNEX A ASSIGNED NUMBERS (AN) 4A.1, 5A.1, 6A.1, 7B.1, 7C.1, 7D.1**

**AN Number and Name of Animal Product:** .....

**Certificate Number:** .....

**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: BOVINE (cattle, buffalo, bison)

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 countries / Member States)

**III. Consignment Information**

Place of loading: .....

Name and address of consignor: .....

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Name and address of consignee: .....

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**Port of Disembarkation:** .....

**Country of Final Destination:** NEW ZEALAND



#### **IV. Health Attestation**

I the undersigned hereby certify that:

The animal products herein described, comply with the relevant European Community animal health/public health standards and requirements which have been recognised as equivalent to the New Zealand standards and requirements as prescribed in Council Decision 97/132/EC as last amended, specifically, in accordance with:

- For fresh meat: Council Directive 64/432/EEC, Council Directive 64/433/EEC, Council Directive 72/461/EEC, Council Directive 72/462/EEC, Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 and Council Directive 2002/99/EC.
- For meat products derived from fresh meat: Council Directive 64/432/EEC, Council Directive 64/433/EEC, Council Directive 72/461/EEC, Council Directive 72/462/EEC, Council Directive 77/99/EEC, Council Directive 80/215/EEC, Council Directive 92/118/EEC, Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 and Council Directive 2002/99/EC.
- For meat preparations from fresh meat: Council Directive 64/432/EEC, Council Directive 72/461/EEC, Council Directive 72/462/EEC, Council Directive 94/65/EC, Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 and Council Directive 2002/99/EC.
- For processed bones and bone products, processed animal protein products, blood and blood products: Council Directive 64/432/EEC, Council Directive 72/461/EEC, Council Directive 72/462/EEC, Council Directive 77/99/EEC, Council Directive 80/215/EEC, Council Directive 92/118/EEC, Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 and Council Directive 2002/99/EC.

(Delete clauses that are not applicable)

#### **V. Additional Declarations/Guarantees:**

I the undersigned hereby certify that the animal product is eligible for intra-community trade without restriction.

I the undersigned hereby certify that this product does not contain and is not derived from bovine, ovine and caprine materials other than those derived from animals born, continuously reared and slaughtered in the European Union and which has been produced in full compliance with Regulations of the European Parliament and the Council (EC) No 999/2001 and (EC) No 1774/2002 as applicable.

**VI. This certificate is valid for 4 months from the date of issue (unless revoked)**

Done at:..... on:.....

Signature and Seal of Official Veterinarian:.....

*(Note: The signature and official seal must be in a colour different to that of the printing.)*

Ref: AI-EU010

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