

# **IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION OF EDIBLE TALLOW PRODUCTS INTO NEW ZEALAND FROM AUSTRALIA**

**Issued pursuant to Section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993  
Dated: 20 August 2003**

## **1 IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD**

Pursuant to section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, this is the import health standard for the importation of edible tallow products into New Zealand from Australia.

## **2 PERMIT TO IMPORT**

- 2.1 A permit to import is not required for the importation of edible tallow products into New Zealand from Australia.
- 2.2 Authorisation, in the form of biosecurity clearance, will be given at the border after verification that the conditions within this import health standard have been met by the importer.

## **3 INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED BY IMPORTER**

The importer shall supply the following information:

- 3.1 name and address of exporter;
- 3.2 name and address of manufacturer;
- 3.3 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 DEFINITION OF TERMS**

### **Edible tallow products**

includes unrefined bulk tallow for human consumption, refined tallow and products manufactured from refined tallow such as margarine and shortening.

## **6 DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT**

A copy of the import health standard, together with all the required information and ORIGINAL certification, which must be in English, must accompany the consignment to New Zealand.

## **7 IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 7.1 All costs associated with the importation, which include testing, treatment, transport, servicing and veterinary certification must be borne by the importer.
- 7.2 Please note that commercial consignments of products imported into New Zealand for human consumption must comply with the Food Regulations (1984) of New Zealand. Importers are advised to contact the New Zealand Ministry of Health if in doubt whether or not imported foods are eligible for sale within New Zealand.
- 7.3 Once the consignment has been cleared for entry, it is the importer's responsibility to ensure that the consignment complies with requirements under the Meat Act (1981). A set of guidelines outlining these responsibilities may be obtained from:

Animal Imports and Exports  
P O Box 2526  
Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry  
WELLINGTON

## **8 HEALTH CERTIFICATION**

- 8.1 Unrefined edible tallow products:

Each consignment must be accompanied by a certificate issued by an official government veterinary officer which states that:

- 8.1.1 The products are of Australian origin.
- 8.1.2 The products originate from a government licensed slaughtering establishment that slaughters animals for human consumption, and that operates under government supervision.
- 8.1.3 The products are derived from animals which passed ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection at the time of slaughter.
- 8.1.4 Any tallow of ruminant origin has been purified in such a way that the maximum levels of remaining total insoluble impurities does not exceed 0.15% in weight.

8.2 Refined tallow products and products manufactured from refined tallow (eg margarine, shortening, tallow stearine) for human consumption:

8.2.1 Health certification is not required.

## **9 BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE**

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

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