

IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION OF FROZEN POSSUM (*Trichosorus vulpecula*) MEAT INTO NEW ZEALAND FROM AUSTRALIA

1. IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD

Pursuant to section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, this is the import health standard for the importation of frozen possum (*Trichosorus vulpecula*) meat into New Zealand from Australia.

2. PERMIT TO IMPORT

2.1 A permit to import is not required for the importation of frozen possum meat into New Zealand from Australia.

2.2 Authorization, 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;

3.4 official premises number (for meat).

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

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.

6. IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.1 All costs associated with the importation, which include testing, treatment, transport, servicing and veterinary certification must be borne by the importer.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 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:

Import Management & Quarantine
P O Box 2526
Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry
WELLINGTON

7. HEALTH CERTIFICATION

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

- 7.1 the products are of Australian origin.
- 7.2 the products originate from a government licensed establishment that processes animals for human consumption, and that operates under government supervision.
- 7.3 the products are derived from animals which passed post-mortem inspection.
- 7.4 the products are sound and fit for human consumption.

8. BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

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

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