



Import Health Standard
for
Ornamental Products of Animal Origin

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Part A. Introduction

Background

1. Under section 22 of the Act, this document is the Import Health Standard for Ornamental Products of Animal Origin.
2. A Guidance Document will be issued by MAF to accompany this Import Health Standard. This document will provide guidance information relevant to how the requirements may be met.
3. Consignments of product imported under this standard must comply with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora. These requirements are independent of the import health standard requirements.

Scope

4. This standard specifies the requirements that must be met to import ornamental products of animal origin into New Zealand from all countries.
5. For the purposes of this standard, ornamental products of animal origin means non-viable products made of animals, or the parts of animals, that are generally used for decorative/display purposes. This includes:
 - a. Shells, marine ornaments, and dry coral
 - b. Manufactured articles derived from horn, bone, beak, tusk and tooth
 - c. Fly-tying material containing animal skin/fibre
 - d. Fully tanned leather and leather goods
 - e. Blown eggs or egg shell ornaments/painting
 - f. Rawhide articles and handicrafts
 - g. Mounted and unmounted game trophies
6. The following products are excluded under this standard:
 - a. Commercial hides and skins that are untanned
 - b. Animal fibres e.g. bristles, wool, fur
 - c. Feathers on handicrafts e.g. arrows, dream catchers, shields.
 - d. Preserved animal specimens e.g. in liquid formalin/alcohol
7. Ornamental products of animal origin must meet the general requirements contained in Part B of this standard and the specific requirements contained in Part C of this standard where they apply.

Outcome

8. Imported ornamental products of animal origin must be subjected to risk management measures for specified risk organisms appropriate to the status of the risk organism, their likelihood of entry and/or establishment in New Zealand and consequent impacts.

9. The risk organisms associated with ornamental products of animal origin requiring specific risk management measures are Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and anthrax.

Definitions

The definitions below relate to terms used in this standard

Fully tanned leather and leather goods

Goods containing hides and skins that have undergone a full tanning process so that they are preserved from putrescence and are thermally stable. They can be jackets, shoes, lounge suites, or fully tanned game trophy hides/skins with fibre attached.

MAF list of FMD free countries/zones

A document listing the countries and/or zones that MAF recognise as free from FMD (see <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/pests/foot-n-mouth/fmd-free-countries-and-zones.pdf>).

Manufacturer's declaration

A document prepared by the manufacturer (taxidermist) on letterhead paper and signed by the quality manager or equivalent of the manufacturing premises. It must contain the correct statement/s as required by the import conditions, and be specific to the product and consignment.

Mounted game trophy

An animal of any species that has undergone a complete taxidermy process (professionally cleaned and processed by a taxidermist) thus ensuring it's preservation at ambient temperatures. These can be whole animals, heads of animals, and/or skulls/antlers mounted onto shields.



Official veterinarian

A veterinarian authorised by the Veterinary Authority of the country to perform certain designated official tasks associated with animal health and/or public health and inspections of commodities and, when appropriate, to certify in conformity with the provisions of the Section 5.2 of the OIE Code pertaining to principles of certification.

OIE Code

The World Organisation for Animal Health's Terrestrial Animal Health Code – available online at <http://www.oie.int/international-standard-setting/terrestrial-code/access-online/>

Rawhide articles and handicrafts

Items containing hides and skins that have been cleaned, dried, and manufactured into articles and handicrafts (e.g. traditional drums, hunting shields). This includes cultural heritage items or items of cultural value that are used for performances or decorative purposes containing hides or skins.

Unmounted game trophy

The skulls, horns, hooves, antlers, bones, tusks, claws, teeth, hides, or skins of a wild mammal taken as game from a hunting expedition that have not been fixed onto a mount. The item is to be further processed into a mounted animal trophy by a taxidermist for exhibition.

Veterinary certificate

A certificate, signed by an official veterinarian of the exporting country's competent authority, issued in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 5.2 of the OIE Code. See *Guidance Document for model veterinary certificates*

Part B. General Requirements

Documentation

10. All products imported under this standard must be accompanied by information that identifies the origin of the product (i.e. country or zone), the destination in New Zealand (for unaccompanied goods), and adequately describes the nature of the product.
11. Documentation accompanying products as specified in Part C below must be:
 - a. original, unless otherwise specified, AND
 - b. in English or have an English translation available.

Packaging

12. Packaging of imported ornamental products of animal origin must be:
 - a. free of any contaminants, AND
 - b. appropriate given the nature of the goods to effectively contain any potential biosecurity risks.

Part C. Commodity Specific Requirements

Ornamental products of animal origin (except for unmounted game trophies)

13. All imported consignments of ornamental products of animal origin (except for unmounted game trophies) must be free of adherent fat, muscle, sinew, blood, extraneous organic material, pest infestation, and evidence of decay.

See Guidance Document for specific commodities

Unmounted game trophy skulls, horns, hooves, antlers, bones, tusks, claws, and teeth

14. All imported consignments of unmounted game trophy skulls, horns, hooves, antlers, bones, tusks, claws, and teeth must be accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration verifying that they have been:
- a. boiled at a minimum of 100°C for at least 30 minutes; AND
 - b. processed so that all adherent tissues have been completely removed; AND
 - c. packaged immediately after treatment in a manner so as to ensure that there is no subsequent contamination with untreated goods of similar nature.
15. All imported consignments of unmounted game trophy skulls, horns, hooves, antlers, bones, tusks, claws, and teeth must be verified as free of extraneous organic material, pest infestation, and evidence of decay on arrival.

Unmounted pickled game trophy hides and skins

16. All imported consignments of un-mounted pickled game trophy hides and skins must be accompanied by a veterinary certificate verifying that they have been:
- a. subjected to a pickling process in a solution of salt and mineral acid at a pH equal to or less than 4, AND
 - b. packaged immediately after treatment in a manner so as to ensure that there is no subsequent contamination with untreated goods of similar nature.

Unmounted irradiated game trophy hides and skins

17. All imported consignments of unmounted irradiated game trophy hides and skins must be accompanied by a veterinary certificate verifying that they have been:
- a. irradiated with a minimum dose of 5 Mrad (50kGy) in a closed and sealed package, AND
 - b. packaged immediately after treatment in a manner so as to ensure that there is no subsequent contamination with untreated goods of similar nature.

Unmounted dried or salted game trophy hides and skins

18. All imported consignments of unmounted dried or salted game trophy hides and skins must be accompanied by a veterinary certificate verifying that they have been:

- a. dried, dry or wet salted, for at least 14 days if originating from a country or zone **free** from FMD (as per the MAF list of FMD free countries/zones); OR
 - b. dry or wet salted with salt containing 2% sodium carbonate for at least 28 days if originating from a country or zone **not free** from FMD;
- AND
- c. sourced from an area currently free from any outbreaks/epidemics of anthrax; OR
 - d. treated to deactivate anthrax in accordance with the OIE Code

19. All imported consignments of unmounted dried or salted game trophy hides and skins must be verified as free of extraneous organic material, pest infestation, and evidence of decay on arrival.

Part D. Clearance

20. A biosecurity clearance, under section 26 of the Act, will be issued when ornamental products of animal origin meet all the requirements of this standard.
21. Ornamental products of animal origin that do not meet the requirements of this standard in full must be reshipped, destroyed or treated.
22. Where products imported under this standard are authorised for treatment this must occur on arrival, or at an approved transitional facility in accordance with the MAF Standard for Approved Biosecurity Treatments.

Part E. Equivalence

23. The requirements for ornamental products of animal origin are met if, in the opinion of the Director-General, the measures taken for managing the risks associated with the importation of those goods, are equally effective at managing those risks as the requirements specified in (1) to (22) above. If an equivalence measure(s) is approved MAF will issue a permit to import (under Section 22 of the Act).