



Implementation of import food management and border control in New Zealand

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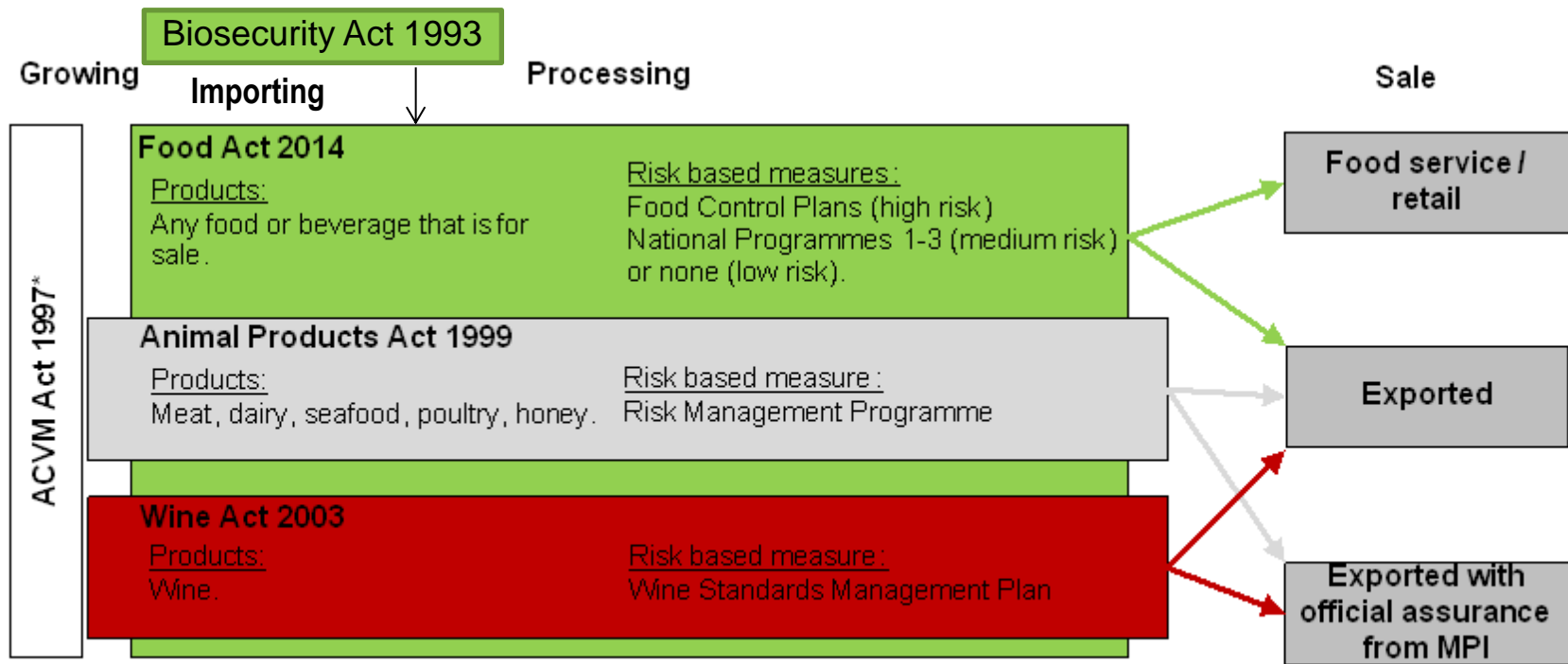
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Food Safety Legislative Framework



* = Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Act 1997

SPS Obligations – control, inspection and approval procedures

- **New Zealand follows SPS requirements, for example, that procedures taken at the border should not be less favourable for imported products than they are for domestic goods, and should be no more than what is necessary to ensure compliance**
- **Equivalence**

Illustrate controls through examples

- Imported Beef meat
- Imported milk powder
- Importing Fish species susceptible to production of histamine
- Imported Mangoes

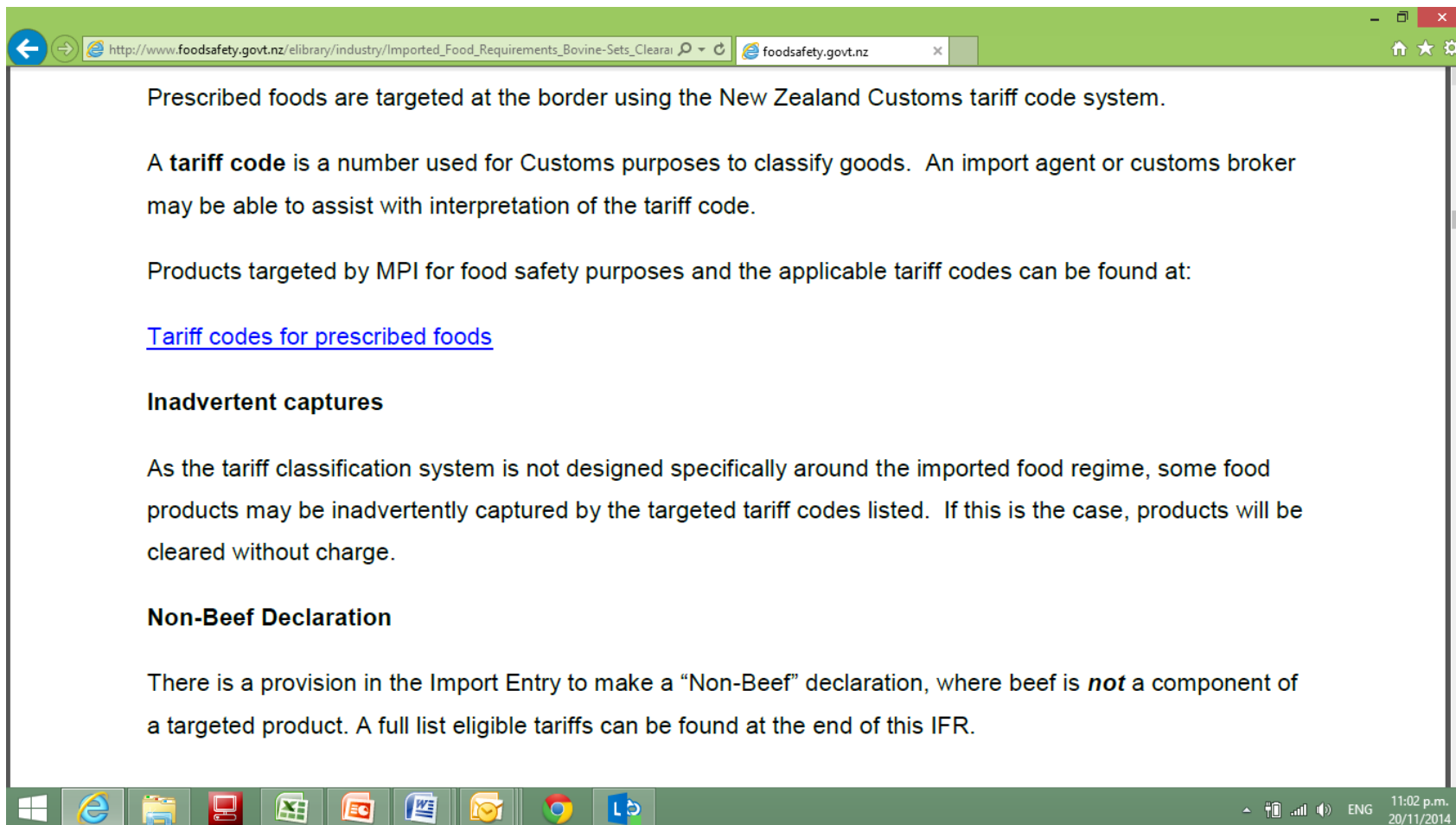
Importing Beef Meat

Tariff	Goods	Agency Code
Chapter 2	Meat and edible meat offals	MPI
02.01.	Meat and edible offal - bovine meat, fresh or chilled	FSA
02.02.	Meat and edible offal - bovine meat, frozen	FSA
0206.10.00	Meat and edible offal - edible offal of bovine animals, fresh or chilled	FSA
0206.21.00	Meat and edible offal - tongues	FSA
0206.22.00	Meat and edible offal - livers	FSA
0206.29.00	Meat and edible offal - other	FSA
0208.40.00.10A	Meat of whales, dolphins, porpoises, seals etc	DOC
0210.20.00	Meat and edible offal - salted dried etc meat of bovine animals	FSA
0210.92.00.10L	Whale meat	DOC
0210.92.00.29A	Meat of dolphins, porpoises, seals etc	DOC
0210.99.30	Other, including edible flours and meals of meat or meat offal	FSA/BEF

Imported Beef – Food Act – Imported Food Requirement (IFR) /Prescribed Food

- **How does MPI know that a prescribed food has arrived at the border?**
 - MPI gets alerted by NZ Customs
 - Importer is re-directed to MPI and has to submit an application for a 'release permit'
 - Two types of permit that MPI can issue, depending on the commodity: single use, and multiple release

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Prescribed foods are targeted at the border using the New Zealand Customs tariff code system.

A **tariff code** is a number used for Customs purposes to classify goods. An import agent or customs broker may be able to assist with interpretation of the tariff code.

Products targeted by MPI for food safety purposes and the applicable tariff codes can be found at:

[Tariff codes for prescribed foods](#)

Inadvertent captures

As the tariff classification system is not designed specifically around the imported food regime, some food products may be inadvertently captured by the targeted tariff codes listed. If this is the case, products will be cleared without charge.

Non-Beef Declaration

There is a provision in the Import Entry to make a “Non-Beef” declaration, where beef is *not* a component of a targeted product. A full list eligible tariffs can be found at the end of this IFR.

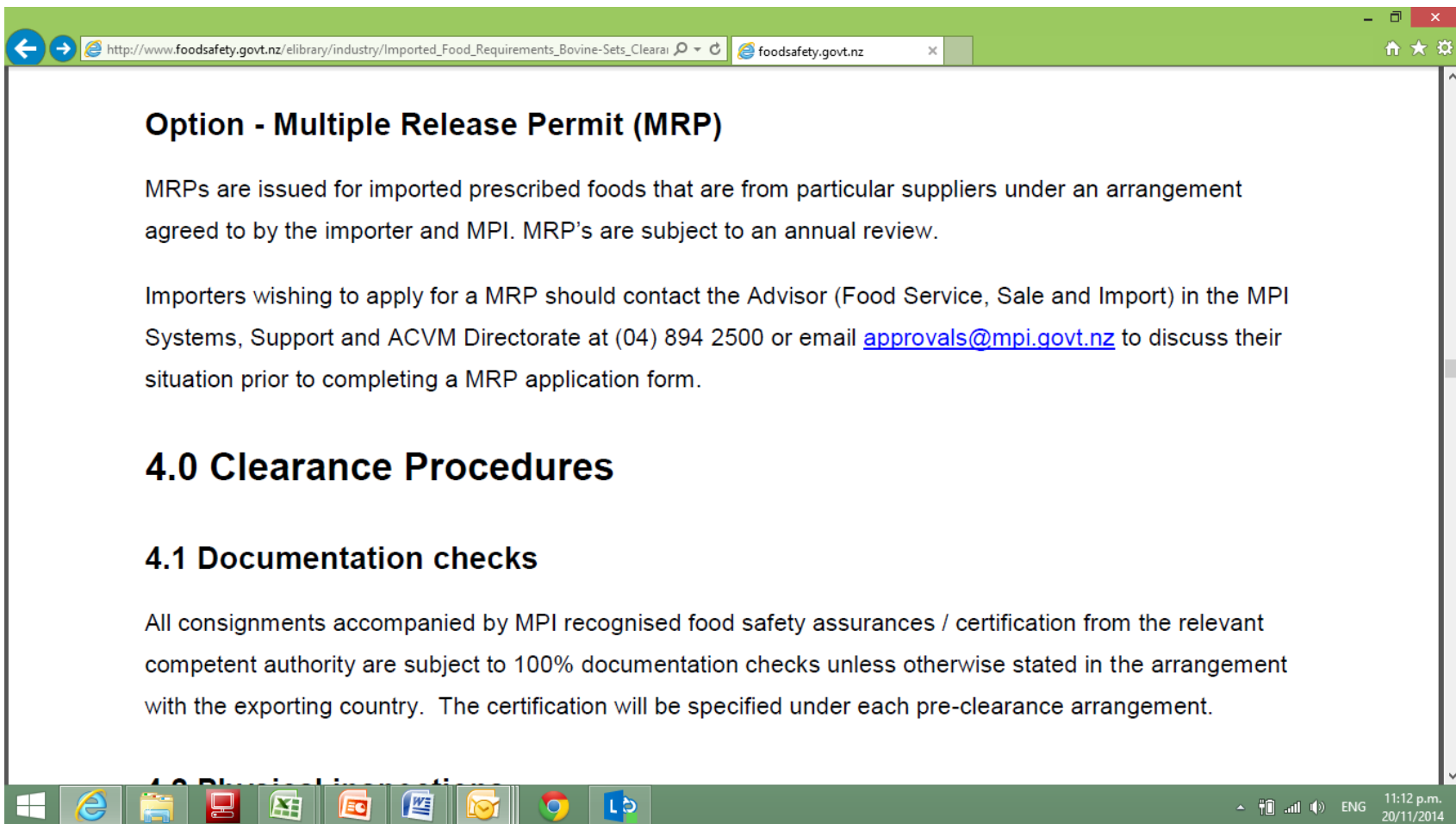
Imported Beef – Food Act - IFR

Consignments captured under these requirements may be cleared by pre-clearance arrangement ONLY.

- Such arrangements confirm that products are produced under a programme(s) that manages the hazards
- associated with BSE and meets, or is equivalent to, New Zealand's requirements for BSE-related measures.
- All conditions of the pre-clearance arrangement must be met before a product may be cleared for entry.

http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/elibrary/industry/Imported_Food_Requirements_Bovine-Sets_Clearance.pdf

Imported Beef – Food Act - IFR



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/elibrary/industry/Imported_Food_Requirements_Bovine-Sets_Cleara. The page content is as follows:

Option - Multiple Release Permit (MRP)

MRPs are issued for imported prescribed foods that are from particular suppliers under an arrangement agreed to by the importer and MPI. MRP's are subject to an annual review.

Importers wishing to apply for a MRP should contact the Advisor (Food Service, Sale and Import) in the MPI Systems, Support and ACVM Directorate at (04) 894 2500 or email approvals@mpi.govt.nz to discuss their situation prior to completing a MRP application form.

4.0 Clearance Procedures

4.1 Documentation checks

All consignments accompanied by MPI recognised food safety assurances / certification from the relevant competent authority are subject to 100% documentation checks unless otherwise stated in the arrangement with the exporting country. The certification will be specified under each pre-clearance arrangement.

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Imported Beef - Biosecurity Act – Import Health Standard (IHS)

The screenshot displays the New Zealand Government website, specifically the Ministry for Primary Industries (Manatū Ahu Matua) page for Import Health Standards. The browser address bar shows the URL: <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/imports/animals/standards/meabeeic.nam.htm>. The page features a navigation menu with links to Home, Entering New Zealand, Going to other Countries, Pests & Diseases, Biosecurity in New Zealand, and Standards & Regulations. The main content area is titled "Importing Bovine meat and meat products from Canada and the USA" and includes a date of 31 October 2014. The page states: "You are viewing an import health standard. It outlines the requirements that must be met before risk goods can be imported into New Zealand." It also provides a link to the PDF document: [meabeeic.nam](#) (206 KB). The page further explains that this regulatory document contains the full scope and associated import requirements, and that importers must ensure that all imported products also comply with these acts/regulations. It mentions the Food Act 2014 and Animal Products Act 1999, and provides a link to the MPI's food safety website: <http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/industry/importing/>. The right sidebar contains sections for Related News, FAQs related to Importing, and a Contact us section. The bottom of the page shows a Windows taskbar with various application icons and a system clock indicating 10:53 p.m. on 20/11/2014.

Ministry for Primary Industries
Manatū Ahu Matua

New Zealand Government

Home Kainga
Entering New Zealand Te Taenga mai ki Aotearoa
Going to other Countries Te Haerenga ki Tāwāhi
Pests & Diseases Ngā Oratā ma ngā Tahumaero
Biosecurity in New Zealand Tiakina Aotearoa
Standards & Regulations Ngā Whakaritenga me ngā Tūranga

Home > Standards & Regulations > Importing > Import Health Standards

Standards & Regulations
Importing

- Animals & Animal Products
- Plants & Forest Products
- Salt & Freshwater Organisms
- Other Products
- Import Health Standards
 - Importing Bovine meat and meat products from Canada and the USA**
 - Independent review under section 24
 - Import Health Standards Search
 - Provisional Import Health Standards
 - Request the development of an IHS
 - Risk Analysis

Exporting
Fees and Charges

Importing Bovine meat and meat products from Canada and the USA
meabeeic.nam
31 October 2014

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[Information on viewing PDF files](#)

This regulatory document contains the full scope and associated import requirements. All importers should read this document outlining the biosecurity requirements that must be met to import specified foods for human consumption containing animal products.

[General information for animal and biological products](#)

Other regulatory requirements

Importers must ensure that all imported products also comply with these acts/regulations. This is not an exhaustive list of compliance requirements and it is the importer's responsibility to be familiar with and comply with all New Zealand laws.

Food Act 2014 and Animal Products Act 1999

Commercial consignments of products imported into New Zealand for human consumption must comply with relevant requirements of the Food Act 2014 and the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code, and the Animal Products Act 1999. Importers are advised to consult MPI's food safety website: <http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/industry/importing/>. See the guidance document for further information.

Related News

- Snakes don't belong in New Zealand 7 September 2011
- Government-level agreements pave way for imports from China 18 July 2011
- > All Importing News

FAQs related to Importing

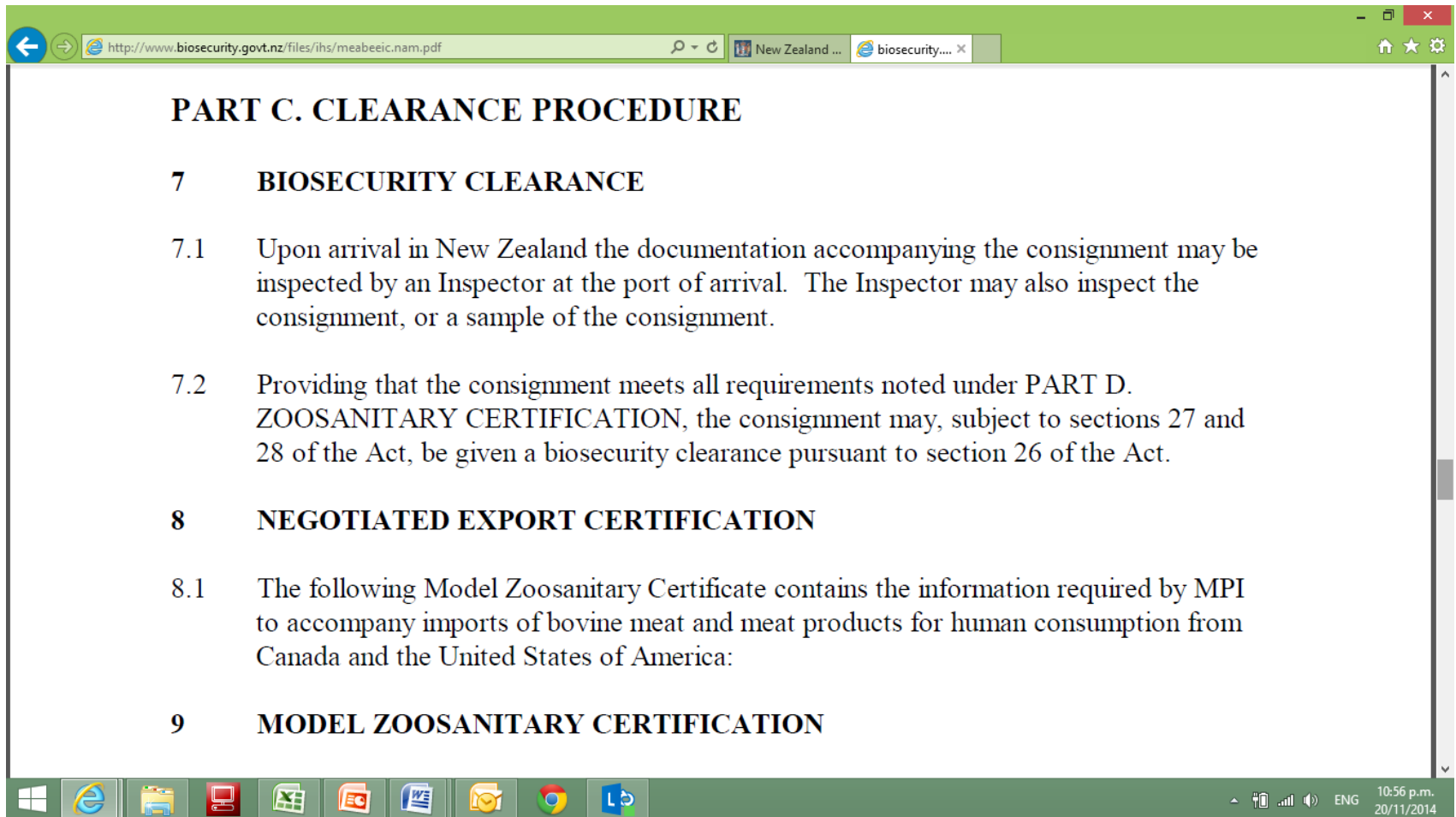
- Who makes decisions about issuing an Import Health Standard?
- What items are considered wood packaging?
- > All related FAQs

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Imported Beef - Biosecurity Act – Import Health Standard (IHS)



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/ihs/meabeeic.nam.pdf>. The browser has two tabs: "New Zealand ..." and "biosecurity....". The main content area displays the following text:

PART C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

7 BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

7.1 Upon arrival in New Zealand the documentation accompanying the consignment may be inspected by an Inspector at the port of arrival. The Inspector may also inspect the consignment, or a sample of the consignment.

7.2 Providing that the consignment meets all requirements noted under PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION, the consignment may, subject to sections 27 and 28 of the Act, be given a biosecurity clearance pursuant to section 26 of the Act.

8 NEGOTIATED EXPORT CERTIFICATION

8.1 The following Model Zoosanitary Certificate contains the information required by MPI to accompany imports of bovine meat and meat products for human consumption from Canada and the United States of America:

9 MODEL ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

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Imported Beef - Biosecurity Act – Import Health Standard (IHS)

VII. ZOOSANITARY INFORMATION

9.1 Foot and mouth disease and rinderpest have not occurred in Canada and/or the United States of America during the twelve months immediately prior to manufacture of the products.

9.2 The products *(delete as applicable)*

9.2.1 Originate from The United States of America; or

9.2.2 Originate from Canada and do not contain any specified risk materials (SRMs).

(Note: See section 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS for definition of SRMs)

9.3 The products were derived from animals that passed ante-mortem and post-mortem veterinary inspection at the time of slaughter and were processed in premises under the supervision of the controlling authority and in accordance with Canadian and/or United States regulations.

IHS for the importation into New Zealand of bovine meat and meat products for human consumption from Canada and the USA
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9.4 The products are sound and fit for human consumption.

Name and Signature of Official Veterinarian:

Date:

Name and address of office:

N.B. Official stamp of the government veterinary authority of the exporting country must be applied to all pages of zoosanitary certification.

Ref: AI00-42E

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Imported beef. Customs clearance won't be given until evidence of requirements for food safety and biosecurity are met.

- Once Biosecurity Act requirements are met the importer is given a BACC – Biosecurity Authority Clearance Certificate. This certificate has a unique number that the importer has to provide to customs
- Once Imported Food Requirements under the Food Act are met a permit number is given
- Both a Food Act and Biosecurity Act numbers are required for the final customs clearance

Importing dairy

Tariff	Goods	Agency
Chapter 4	Dairy produce; birds eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	MPI
0404.90.11.02L	Aerosol sprays	EPA
0406.10.00	Fresh (unripened or uncured) cheese, including whey cheese and curd -other than Australia	FSA
0406.40.00.00L	Blue veined cheese - other than Australia	FSA
0406.90.00.01G	Cheese in tins - other than Australia	FSA

Importing dairy– Food Act

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/industry/importing/specific-foods/prescribed-foods/IFRs.htm>. The page title is 'IFRs & advisories'. The left sidebar contains a menu with the following items: 'Importing:', 'Overview', 'Importer alerts', 'Guide to importing food', 'Food Importer Standards', 'Import clearance procedure', 'Importing specific foods', '» Prescribed foods', '» IFRs & advisories' (highlighted), '» Prescribed foods from Australia', '» Reviews of IFRs', '» Other foods', '» Tariff codes for clearing foods', 'Importing from specific countries', 'Monitoring imported foods', 'Fees & charges', and 'Registers & lists'. The main content area is titled 'IFRs & advisories' and contains the following text: 'Clearance options for specific prescribed foods are in each Imported Food Requirement (IFR) below. These requirements are in addition to Customs' and Biosecurity's usual import clearance procedures. This page also contains advisories clarifying the Standards for these foods.' 'Each IFR includes a table of updates, and tariff codes for that specific prescribed food.' 'Make sure you check this page regularly. You should also check the 'Importer alerts', 'Other foods', and 'Importing from specific countries' pages, in the menu to the left.' 'An easy way to do this is to sign up to automatically receive emails when Importing pages are updated. Click the 'Get emails' link at the bottom of any page and follow the directions.' The right sidebar contains 'Key contacts', 'Specific consignments', 'Importing policy', 'Keep up to date', 'Subscribe to feeds', and 'Get emails'. The bottom of the page shows a table with the following content:

Dairy	Hazard
Raw milk products	Pathogenic organisms
Advisory	
Soft cheese	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>
Fish	Hazard

Importing milk powder – Biosecurity Act

- **Import Health Standard for the Importation in to New Zealand of Dairy Products and Products Containing Dairy Ingredients from Specified Countries**
 - General Information
 - Importation procedure
 - Clearance procedure
 - Zoosanitary Certification

Importing milk powder- Biosecurity Act

← → http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/imports/animals/standards/daiediic.spe.htm#c IFRs & advisories Importing Dairy products a... x

I have no reason to doubt the veracity of the attached manufacturer's Declaration.

Official stamp:

Signature of Official Veterinarian

Name of Official Veterinarian

Date:

Address of office:

MANUFACTURER'S DECLARATION

I, being the Manager of the facility where the product identified in this Zoosanitary Certificate has been processed, certify that:

1. The dairy ingredient used to manufacture the product has been heat treated in conformity with one of the following procedures:

Either

1.1 a minimum temperature of 132°C for at least one second (ultra-high temperature [UHT]);

Or

1.2 if the milk has a pH less than 7.0, a minimum temperature of 72°C for at least 15 seconds (high temperature-short time pasteurisation [HTST]);

Or

1.3 if the milk has a pH of 7.0 or over, the HTST process applied twice.

(Delete 1.1, 1.2 or 1.3 as applicable)

2. The dairy product or product containing dairy ingredients have been produced in premises that are registered or approved by the Competent Government Authority as having acceptable food safety standards governing the processing of dairy products for export.

3. The dairy product or product containing dairy ingredients are in sealed packaging.

Signature of Manager/Date:

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Imported milk powder (heat treated)

Customs clearance won't be given until evidence of requirements Biosecurity Act

- Once biosecurity requirements are met the importer is given a BACC – Biosecurity Authority Clearance Certificate. This certificate has a unique number that the importer has to provide to customs
- No **additional** clearances under the Food Act are required

Importing fish– Food Act

- Fish are covered by an Imported Food Requirement, for histamine

Three clearance options;

1. Acceptance of recognised assurances
2. Clearance sampling and testing on arrival in New Zealand
3. Multiple release permit

Clearance sampling and testing

- Based on compliance history by importer
- “switching rule”
- 100% sampling for 5 consecutive compliant imports
- 20% (1 in 5) sampling for 5 consecutive imports
- 10% (1 in 10)
- Sampling frequency ‘on average’ - varied sampling frequency

Clearance sampling and testing

- Non compliance – return to 100%
- Non compliance includes failed test result, importer refusal to test, failed inspection

sampling

- Full inventory provided
- Sampling undertaken by Food Act Officer
- Testing by lot

Number of lot codes per consignment	Number of lots to sample
1	1
2-8	2
9-15	3
16-25	5
>26	8

Sampling

- Histamine 5 samples per lot
- Each sample minimum 100g
- MPI approved laboratory, IANZ approved
- Results directly to Food Act Officer

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Fish Multiple Release Permit

- Audited by MPI on a yearly basis

Imports of Mango from Taiwan – Biosecurity Act

- Post harvest treatment for fruit flies of concerns – vapour heat treated
- Phytosanitary certifications
- Subject to verification inspection – depends on size of consignment

Imports of Mango from Taiwan – Food Act

- Food Act applies
- Mango's are not a prescribed food and there are no **additional** import requirements imposed

Additional controls

- MPI will do surveys to check compliance with certain pathways.
- MPI Systems Audit Team audit an entire pathway

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For more information on our Imported Food Programme:

<http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/industry/importing/>