



Import Health Standard

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Guinea Pigs from Australia

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TITLE

Import Health Standard: [Guinea Pigs from Australia]

COMMENCEMENT

[This Import Health Standard comes into force on .]

ISSUING AUTHORITY

[This Import Health Standard is issued under section 24A of the Biosecurity Act 1993.]

Dated at Wellington this [...] day of [..... 2014]

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Introduction

This introduction is not part of the Import Health Standard (IHS), but is intended to indicate its general effect.

Purpose

- (1) [This IHS specifies the minimum requirements that must be met when importing guinea pigs from Australia.]

Background

- (1) [The Biosecurity Act 1993 (the Act) provides the legal basis for excluding, eradicating and effectively managing pests and unwanted organisms.
- (2) Import health standards issued under the Act set out requirements to be met to effectively manage biosecurity risks associated with importing goods. They include requirements that must be met in the exporting country, during transit, and during importation, before biosecurity clearance can be given.
- (3) This particular IHS sets out the minimum requirements that must be met when importing guinea pigs (*Cavia porcellus*) from Australia into New Zealand.]

Who should read this Import Health Standard?

- (1) [This IHS applies to importers of eligible consignments of guinea pigs from Australia.]

Why is this important?

- (1) [It is the importer's responsibility to ensure the requirements of this IHS are met. Consignments that do not comply with the requirements of this IHS may not be cleared for entry into New Zealand and/or further information may be sought from importers. Consignments that do not comply with the requirements of this IHS may be re-shipped or destroyed under the Act or treated in accordance with this IHS prior to release or equivalence determined. Importers are liable for all associated expenses.]

Equivalence

- (1) [The Chief Technical Officer (CTO) may approve measures under section 27(1)(d) of the Act, different from those set out in this IHS, that may be applied to effectively manage risks associated with the importation of these goods. If an equivalent measure is approved a permit to import may be issued under section 24D(2) of the Act, if the Director-General considers it appropriate to do so.

Guidance

- MPI's preference is that the exporting country's Competent Authority makes equivalence requests. Equivalence requests can be lodged with animalimports@mpi.govt.nz
- MPI may accept an alternative method, system or process that can be shown to achieve the biosecurity requirements of the IHS (i.e. equivalence).
- A permit may be required where specific equivalence measures are approved by MPI as per the equivalence clause in the IHS. A permit to import serves as evidence of equivalence decisions and will be written as specific notes in the special conditions section of the permit.
- Permit to import application forms can be found on the MPI website at: <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/imports/animals/forms>.
- Completed applications are lodged with animal imports animalimports@mpi.govt.nz.

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[Other information

CITES

- (1) It is the responsibility of the importer to ensure that the consignment is accompanied by a permit to export as required by the legislation of the country of origin and the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) <http://www.cites.org>.
- (2) The importer is advised to clarify the status of the species of animal in relation to international agreements on their trade, prior to export. Material arriving in New Zealand without the relevant CITES permits may be subject to seizure by the New Zealand Department of Conservation. [Note: Any requirement for CITES or other conservation-related documentation must be met by the exporter/importer].]

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Part 1: General Requirements

1.1 Application

- (1) Guinea pigs may be imported into New Zealand from Australia.

1.2 The outcome this standard is seeking to achieve

- (1) The outcome this IHS is seeking to achieve is the effective management of biosecurity risks associated with eligible consignments of guinea pigs.

1.3 Incorporation of material by reference

- (1) The following international standards are incorporated by reference in this IHS under section 142M of the Act:
 - a) The International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animals Regulations (LAR): a copy is available for reading, free of charge, at MPI, Pastoral House, 25 The Terrace, Wellington.
 - b) The Australian Marine Orders, Part 43, Issue 6 (equivalent to the New Zealand Marine Rules Part 24C) is available free of charge: <http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details?F2006L03643>.
- (2) Under section 142O(3) of the Act it is declared that section 142O(1) does not apply, that is, a notice under section 142O(2) of the Act is not required to be published before material that amends or replaces the above listed standards, guideline or lists has legal effect as part of these documents.

Guidance

- Incorporation by reference means that standards, guidelines or lists are incorporated into the IHS and they form part of the requirements. This is done because technical documents are too large or impractical to include in the IHS.
- Where the IHS states that section 142O(1) of the Biosecurity Act does not apply, this means that importers need to refer to the most recent version of any standards, guidelines or lists that are incorporated by reference in the IHS.

1.4 Definitions

- (1) Refer to Schedule 1.

1.5 Eligibility

- (1) The guinea pigs must have been born and reared in captivity.
- (2) The guinea pigs must be identified with a microchip prior to export. The identification must be shown on the certificate accompanying the animals.
- (3) The guinea pigs must be weaned, healthy and fit to travel.

1.6 Transport

- (1) In the case of transport by:
 - a) Air: the transport facilities and arrangements must meet the relevant requirements published in the IATA Live Animal Regulations.
 - b) Sea: the transport facilities and arrangements must have been inspected and meet the requirements of the Australian Marine Orders Part 43, Issue 6 (which is equivalent to the New Zealand Marine Rules Part 24C).
- (2) Only sterilised peat, soft board, paper, a towel or other inert products may be used as bedding. Straw or hay bedding is not permitted.
- (3) Containers made of timber must meet the requirements of the wood packaging import health standard: <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/imports/forests/standards/non-viable-forest-produce/wood-packaging-ihs.htm>.
- (4) The importer must notify the date, expected time of arrival, port of arrival and the flight number or ship's name to the New Zealand Official Veterinarian at the airport/port of arrival at least 5 days in advance of importation. Please email applicable arrival point:
 - a) Auckland: mqsakav@mpi.govt.nz
 - b) Wellington: wellingtoncertification@mpi.govt.nz
 - c) Christchurch: liveanimalgroup@mpi.govt.nz

1.7 Inspection and verification

- (1) The following veterinary inspections are required:
 - a) Pre-shipment veterinary inspection.

Guidance

- On arrival, all documentation accompanying the consignment will be verified by an inspector. Inspectors are able to inspect and verify due to their authorised powers under the Act.
- These requirements are independent of the IHS requirements.

1.8 The documentation that must accompany goods

- (1) The consignment must arrive in New Zealand with the following:
 - a) Permit to import issued by MPI (copy acceptable). The importer must supply the following information to obtain a permit:
 - i) Name and address of exporter.
 - ii) Number, sex, age, species and microchip transponder identification of the animal.
 - iii) Date of proposed importation.
 - iv) Name and address of importer.
 - b) Veterinary certificate, that must include the following:
 - i) Unique consignment identifier.
 - ii) Description, species, and amount of product.
 - iii) Name and address of the importer (consignee) and exporter (consignor).
 - iv) The name, signature and contact details of the Official Veterinarian.
 - v) Specified requirements, outlined in Part 2 of this IHS, to be certified and endorsed by the Official Veterinarian.

- c) Owner/exporter's declaration.
- (2) The exporting country's Official Veterinarian must certify the consignment meets all the requirements of this IHS. Where equivalent measures have been negotiated and agreed with MPI, a country-specific veterinary certificate must be certified.
- (3) All documents must:
 - a) Be original, unless otherwise stated.
 - b) Accompany the imported goods.
 - c) Be in English or have an English translation that is clear and legible.
 - d) (Except the permit to import) be endorsed on every page by the Official Veterinarian with their original stamp, signature and date or be endorsed in the space allocated and all pages have paper based alternative security features.
- (4) Copies of all documentation must be sent to the New Zealand Official Veterinarian at the airport/port of arrival at least 72 hours in advance of importation. Please see clause 2.3(5) for contact details.

1.9 Biosecurity clearance


- (1) A biosecurity clearance, under section 26 of the Act, may be issued when the guinea pigs meet all the requirements of this IHS, provided the applicable requirements of the section 27 of the Act are met.


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Part 2: Specified Requirements for Identified Risk Organisms

2.1 Model veterinary certificate

- (1) Guinea pigs from Australia must meet all the specified requirements included in the following veterinary certificate.

Country: Australia				
Certificate reference number:		Import permit number:		
1. Importer name: Address:		2. Exporter name: Address:		
3. Country of destination: New Zealand		4. Country of origin: Australia		
5. Description of commodity: Species <i>Cavia porcellus</i>				
Microchip Number	Site of Microchip	Other ID (E.g. ARKS number)	M/F	Age
Official Veterinarian: Name: Address: Signature: Date:		Office Details: Name: Address: <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Official Veterinarian signature, Official stamp and date</p> </div>		

Country: Australia	Certificate reference number:
<p>I,..... an Official Veterinarian authorised by the Competent Authority of Australia, certify after due enquiry, with respect to the guinea pigs identified in this veterinary certificate, that:</p> <p>(1) After due enquiry I have no reason to doubt the owner/exporter's declaration.</p> <p>Inspection and transport</p> <p>(2) The guinea pigs were identified and examined by an Official Veterinarian in the 24 hours prior to shipment, and were free from clinical evidence of infectious disease, plant and seed contamination, and appeared to be fit to travel.</p> <p>(3) During transport to the port of departure and during transit to New Zealand, all bedding provided will be free from evidence of contamination with ticks and weeds/weed seeds.</p> <p>(4) If shipped by air, the animals will be shipped in accordance with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animal Regulations; if shipped by sea, the animals will be shipped in accordance with the Australian Marine Orders Part 43, Issue 6.</p> <p>(5) The crates or pens to be used for transporting the animals to New Zealand are either new or if previously used will be cleaned and disinfected with an approved disinfectant.</p>	
<p>Official Veterinarian:</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Signature:</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Office Details:</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Address</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Official Veterinarian signature, Official stamp and date</p> </div>

2.2 Owner declaration

<p>I,..... being the owner/exporter of the animals identified in the veterinary certificate certify that:</p> <p>(1) The guinea pigs described in the veterinary certificate were born and reared in captivity</p> <p>(2) The guinea pigs described in the veterinary certificate have been fed a high quality diet free of weed seeds for 3 days prior to export</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Signature of owner/ exporter:.....</p> <p>Date:.....</p>

Schedule 1 – Definitions

- (1) For the purposes of this standard and the attached guidance document, terms used that are defined in the Act have the meanings set out there. The Act is available at the following website:
<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/>

Biosecurity Clearance

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

(Explanatory Note: Goods given a Biosecurity Clearance by an Inspector are released to the importer without restriction).

Competent Authority

The Veterinary or other Governmental Authority of an OIE Member, that has the responsibility and competence for ensuring or supervising the implementation of animal health and welfare measures, international veterinary certification and other standards and recommendations in the *Code* in the whole territory.

Director-General

The chief executive of the Ministry for Primary Industries.

IATA

The International Air Transport Association.

Inspector

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

(Explanatory Note: An Inspector is appointed to undertake administering and enforcing the provisions of the Act and controls imposed under the Hazardous Substances and New Organism Act 1996, and the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species

MPI

Ministry for Primary Industries.

Official Veterinarian

A veterinarian authorised by the Competent 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 OIE *Code* Chapter for certification procedures.

OIE

The World Organisation for Animal Health.

OIE Code

The World Organisation for Animal Health Terrestrial Animal Health Code. Any reference in this standard to the OIE *Code* is to the most current as found on the OIE website

Permit to Import

A written order issued by the Director General of MPI under section 24 (D)(2) of the Act.

Veterinary Certificate

A certificate, issued in conformity with the provisions of the OIE *Code* Chapter for certification procedures, describing the animal health and/or public health requirements which are fulfilled by the exported commodities.]

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