Guidance Document
for
Animal Fibres

ANFIBRES.ALL

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Part A. Introduction

Foreword
This guidance document has been issued to accompany the MAF Import Health Standard for Animal Fibres- ANFIBRES.ALL (the “standard”). It is not a legally binding document and, although it can be read independently of the standard, it should be read in conjunction with it to ensure that all matters relating to meeting the requirements of the standard are fully understood.

Review and amendment
This Guidance Document is subject to review and amendment at any time to ensure that it continues to meet its purpose. All stakeholders are responsible for ensuring that the most recent version of the Guidance Document, as available on the MAF website, is used. An amendment record is provided at the end of this document.

Contact details
For all matters relating to the standard and this Guidance Document, please contact:

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Part B. General Guidance

Clearance

1. MAF must receive complete and adequate information to assess the risk of goods imported into New Zealand. Commercial importers must submit this information to MAF as part of a Biosecurity Authorisation Clearance Certificate application. Application forms and contact details can be obtained from the MAF website.

2. An inspector will inspect the accompanying documentation to ensure that it meets the requirements of the standard i.e. adequately identifies the country of origin, describes the nature of the goods, and is original where required.

3. Before clearance or biosecurity direction is given, an inspector may physically inspect all or any part of a consignment to ensure that it meets the standard.

4. Products that do not meet the requirements of the standard will be authorised for treatment, reshipment or destruction. Importers are therefore advised to comply with the standard so as to avoid any delays or extra costs incurred as a result of non-compliance.

Permit to import

5. Where required under the standard a Permit to Import for animal products must accompany the animal fibres. Application forms can be sent to the contact details listed under this document.

6. The application must specify the transitional facility where the animal fibres will be further processed. Transitional facilities must first be approved by MAF.

Packaging and transport

7. All consignments of animal fibres must be packaged in clean and secure wrapping. This should be detailed in a manufacturer’s declaration accompanying the consignment otherwise an inspector may verify this on arrival by a visual inspection. The treatment requirements for used wool packs are detailed in the standard.

Samples of animal fibres

8. It is recognised that there is a need for samples of animal fibres to be imported from time to time. As such, samples of animal fibres for research or evaluation purposes can be imported either under this standard or under permit into a biological transitional facility under the MAF Import Health Standard for Biologicals and Samples.
Transhipped consignments

9. Transhipment is the movement of product from the country of origin to the country of final destination via an intermediate country. The container enclosing the product has been customs cleared, opened, the contents removed, and a portion of the original product is then shipped from the intermediate country’s warehouse to the final destination in the importing country.

10. Transhipped consignments of animal fibres must have a valid permit to import and a Veterinary Certificate.

Transiting consignments

11. Transit is the movement of product from the country of origin to the country of final destination via an intermediate country where the container enclosing the product remains unopened, the seal remains intact, and the container has not left the control of customs officials of the transiting country.

12. Transiting consignments of animal fibres from an exporting country via an intermediate country prior to entering New Zealand can be conducted without any specific requirements from MAF.
Part C. Specific Guidance

Scope

13. The following products are included within the scope of the standard:

a. Wool,
b. Hair, fur, and bristles
c. Mohair and cashmere
d. Feathers.

14. The following products are not included within the scope of the standard:

e. Hides and skins with attached fibre (see hides and skins);
f. Rawhide articles, handicrafts with attached fibre (see ornamental products of animal origin);
g. Deer/Elk velvet for human consumption (see velvet from approved countries and Australia).

Specific commodity requirements

15. The following table is intended as a concise summary of requirements only. The full requirements on arrival are detailed in the import health standard and the certification requirements are detailed in the model certificates provided in this document.

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| Unprocessed (greasy) fibre of sheep, goats, alpacas, llamas, and yaks | o Veterinary Certificate  
o Permit to Import  
o Processed at a transitional facility in accordance with the standard. |
| Scoured only fibre of sheep, goats, alpacas, llamas, and yaks | o Veterinary Certificate  
o Government Endorsed Manufacturer’s/ Fibre Certifiers Declaration  
o Permit to Import |
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<td>Scoured and dyed/carded fibre of sheep, goats, alpacas, llamas, and yaks</td>
<td>o Veterinary Certificate&lt;br&gt;o Government Endorsed Manufacturer’s Declaration OR Fibre Certifiers Declaration</td>
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<td>Private home spun fibre of sheep, goats, alpacas, llamas, and yaks</td>
<td>o Visually inspected for contaminants OR treated as per the MAF Approved Biosecurity Treatments Standard</td>
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<td>Private unprocessed fibre of sheep, goats, alpacas, llamas, and yaks</td>
<td>o Visually inspected for contaminants AND treated as per the MAF Approved Biosecurity Treatments Standard</td>
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<td>New Zealand/Australian origin scoured fibre processed offshore</td>
<td>o Government Endorsed Manufacturer’s Declaration</td>
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<td>Commercially manufactured items (e.g. dyed and spun yarn, apparel, carpets, fabrics, silk tops and other processed silk fibres)</td>
<td>o No specific requirements – eligible for clearance</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unprocessed fibre of kangaroos, wallabies, and possums from Australia, and rabbits from all countries</td>
<td>o Veterinary Certificate&lt;br&gt;o Permit to Import&lt;br&gt;o Processed at a transitional facility in accordance with the standard.</td>
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<td>Treated fibre of kangaroos, wallabies, and possums from Australia and rabbits from all countries</td>
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<td>Loose commercially washed feathers</td>
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<td>Fly-tying material, handicrafts,</td>
<td>o Visually inspected for contaminants. If</td>
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<td>and articles containing visible feathers (dreamcatchers, mats)</td>
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<td>Commercially manufactured items containing feathers – e.g. shuttle cocks, feather boas (dyed), feathers in hats or other apparel, fishing flies (commercially or privately tied), quilts, duvets, pillows, sleeping bags.</td>
<td>o No specific requirements—eligible for clearance</td>
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<td>Loose hair and bristles from all species</td>
<td>o <a href="#">Veterinary Certificate</a></td>
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<td>Animal bristles and hair on commercially manufactured items (e.g. paint brushes, shaving brushes, hairbrushes, musical instruments [bow strips])</td>
<td>o No specific requirements—eligible for clearance</td>
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Part D. Model Manufacturer’s Declaration

COMPANY LETTERHEAD

Importer (client) details:

Full description of commodity (e.g. species derived from, number and type of packages, weight):

Identifiers (e.g. container number and seal, invoice number):

I ____________ insert name ______ the Quality manager or equivalent of the manufacturing premises declare that the fibre in this consignment has been packaged in new, clean, and secure packaging and:

For scoured only fibre

1. has been commercially scoured;

AND

2. has been washed in water for at least 1 minute at 75°C or higher; OR

3. dried for at least 2 minutes at 70°C or higher.

For scoured and carded/dyed fibre (in addition to clauses 1-3 above)

4. has been carded and combed; OR

5. has been carded using a high pressure crushing roller; OR

6. has been acid carbonised; OR

7. has been hot water dyed.

For New Zealand/Australian origin scoured fibre further processed offshore

8. originates entirely from Australia or New Zealand; and

9. has been commercially scoured and carded*; and

10. has not been in contact with unprocessed greasy wool while in the facility.

*Only if the fibre is of Australian origin

Must be signed and dated

Please note that this declaration must be accompanied by a veterinary certificate stating that the official veterinarian has no reason to doubt the veracity of this declaration. It must also be able to be clearly linked to the zoosanitary certificate.
**Part E. Model Fibre Certifier’s Declaration**

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<td>I ______ insert name ______ being a person with a minimum of one years processing experience in the wool industry and with an ability to recognise scoured and/or carded fibre certify that the fibre in this consignment has been packaged in new, clean, and secure packaging.</td>
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<td>I have further examined a representative sample from each bale of the consignment and certify that the fibre has been scoured and/or carded.</td>
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_Must be signed and dated_

Please note that this declaration must be accompanied by a veterinary certificate stating that the official veterinarian has no reason to doubt the veracity of the declaration. It must also be able to be clearly linked to the zoosanitary certificate.
Part F. Model Veterinary Certificate

Veterinary certificates should be produced in accordance with the guidelines and overarching principles of the OIE Code (Chapter 5). Exporting competent authorities must ensure that each certificate contains adequate information to link it to the consignment being imported.

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Zoo-sanitary Attestations

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I, the undersigned Official Veterinarian, after due examination, have no reason to doubt the veracity of the attached manufacturer’s declaration or fibre certifier’s declaration (if presented) and further certify that the fibre in this consignment:

For unscoured ruminant fibre
1. originates from a country or zone that is officially free from FMD in accordance with the OIE Code; OR
2. originates from animals resident in a zone in which no case of FMD has occurred within a 10km radius within the last 30 days AND from holdings that have been FMD free for the previous 3 months; OR
3. will be at least 4 weeks in transit to New Zealand OR has been stored for at least 4 weeks;

AND
4. originates from live healthy animals resident in the country of origin; OR
5. originates from animals that have been slaughtered at a facility approved by the competent authority of the exporting country to produce meat for human consumption; OR
6. originates from animals resident in an anthrax free area(s) where no cases of anthrax have occurred in the 6 months prior to the date of the shipment; OR
7. originates from animals resident in an anthrax free area(s) where establishments are not subject to restrictions imposed for the control of anthrax at the time of fibre collection;

AND
8. originates from a country that is free from sheep pox/ goat pox/ lumpy skin disease in accordance with the OIE Code.

For scoured only ruminant fibre
9. originates from a country or zone that is officially free from FMD in accordance with the OIE Code; OR
10. originates from animals resident in a zone in which no case of FMD has occurred within a 10km radius within the last 30 days AND from holdings that have been FMD free for the previous 3 months; OR
11. will be at least 4 weeks in transit to New Zealand OR has been stored for at least 4 weeks;

AND
12. originates from live healthy animals resident in the country of origin; OR
13. originates from animals that have been slaughtered at a facility approved by the competent authority of the exporting country to produce meat for human consumption; OR
14. originates from animals resident in an anthrax free area(s) where no cases of anthrax have occurred in the 6 months prior to the date of the shipment; OR
15. originates from animals resident in an anthrax free area(s) where establishments are not subject to restrictions imposed for the control of anthrax at the time of fibre collection.
For scoured and dyed/carded ruminant fibre, unprocessed kangaroo, wallaby, or possum fibre from Australia, and unprocessed rabbit fibre

16. originates from live healthy animals resident in the country of origin; OR

17. originates from animals that have been slaughtered at a facility approved by the competent authority of the exporting country to produce meat for human consumption; OR

18. originates from animals resident in an anthrax free area(s) where no cases of anthrax have occurred in the 6 months prior to the date of the shipment; OR

19. originates from animals resident in an anthrax free area(s) where establishments are not subject to restrictions imposed for the control of anthrax at the time of fibre collection.

For treated kangaroo, wallaby, or possum fibre from Australia, and unprocessed rabbit fibre

20. has been immersed in water, heated at a temperature of at least 90°C for a minimum of 45 minutes; OR

21. has been immersed in water, heated at a temperature of at least 95°C for a minimum of 25 minutes; OR

22. has been immersed in water, heated at a temperature of at least 100°C for a minimum of 15 minutes; OR

23. has been gamma irradiated with a minimum dose of 5 Mrad (50kGy)

OR

24. originates from live healthy animals resident in the country of origin; OR

25. originates from animals that have been slaughtered at a facility approved by the competent authority of the exporting country to produce meat for human consumption; OR

26. originates from animals resident in an anthrax free area(s) where no cases of anthrax have occurred in the 6 months prior to the date of the shipment; OR

27. originates from animals resident in an anthrax free area(s) where establishments are not subject to restrictions imposed for the control of anthrax at the time of fibre collection.

AND (only if attesting clauses 24-27)

28. has been immersed in water heated at a temperature of at least 75°C for at least 5 minutes, in the presence of a non-ionic detergent at a concentration of at least 1g per litre; OR

29. has been scoured and then dried for at least 2 minutes at 70°C or higher.

For feathers

30. has been sprayed with 10% formalin in an airtight container and left sealed for 8 hours; OR

31. has been irradiated with a minimum dose of 5 Mrad (50kGy); OR

32. has been fumigated with 10% formalin for 8 hours
For loose hair or bristles from all species

33. has been immersed in water, heated at a temperature of at least 90°C for a minimum of 45 minutes; OR

34. has been immersed in water, heated at a temperature of at least 95°C for a minimum of 25 minutes; OR

35. has been immersed in water, heated at a temperature of at least 100°C for a minimum of 15 minutes; OR

36. has been gamma irradiated at a dose of 50kGy.

For transhipped consignments

37. has not been further processed, commingled, or cross-contaminated while in the transshipping country.

This certificate is valid for 4 months from the date of issue (unless revoked)

Official Veterinarian:

Name and address (in capital letters): Official Position:

Date: Signature:

Official stamp/seal
Part G. Amendment Record

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