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Department of Agriculture and Water Resources

# **MARKET ACCESS ADVICE**

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## Manual of Importing Country Requirements (MICoR) – Recent Updates

Attention Industries		Export Establishments		
		Industry bodies		
Department of		Central and Regional offices		
Agriculture and		ATMs and FOMs		
Water Resources		OPVs and Meat inspection staff		
		State Regulatory Authorities		
Affected M	arkets	Various		
Further Information		Please contact <u>exports@agriculture.gov.au</u> if you have any queries.		

This Market Access Advice is to advise of the following recent content changes in the Manual of Importing Country Requirements (MICoR) database.

## **MEAT & ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS**

Country	Commodity	Section	Access	Explanation
French	Rendered products	8.5	Suspended	Certification for rendered meals suspended
Polynesia				pending official negotiations.
Mexico	Ovine carcases	1.6	Clarified	Confirmation that flat-stacked ovine
				carcases will not be accepted.
New	Rendered products	8.5	Revised	There is no access for mammalian rendered
Zealand				meals for export to New Zealand.
New	Ox gall/ox bile	8.4	Revised	Additional endorsements required for
Zealand				product intended to be re-exported to the
				US.
South	Poultry products	4.2	Revised	New requirements for edible raw and heat-
Korea		7.1		treated poultry products
Switzerland	Beef	6.1	Revised	Change to the labelling requirements for
				beef from non-EUCAS cattle

#### **Dairy**

No Updates to Dairy

## **Seafood**

Country	Commodity	Section	Access	Explanation
French	Seafood	1.4	Revised	Newly listed products (bivalve molluscs)
Polynesia				that do not meet importing country requirements.
French Polynesia	Finfish	7.1	Revised	Revised certification for finfish susceptible to Epizootic Haematopoietic Necrosis and/or Epizootic Ulcerative Syndrome.
French Polynesia	Bivalves	7.2	Revised	Revised certification for bivalve molluscs.

French Polynesia	Crustaceans	7.3	Revised	Revised certification for prawns and revised certification for crustaceans excluding prawns.
French Polynesia	Gastropods	7.5	Established	New certification requirements for abalone.

### **Eggs and NPG**

No Updates to Eggs or NPG

## **MARKET ACCESS ADVICE NOTICES**

If you require a full copy of any meat MAAs, please send your request to <u>exports@agriculture.gov.au</u>.

MAAs for fish, dairy and eggs are available on the department website at the following links:

Fish - <u>http://www.agriculture.gov.au/export/food/fish/fish-notices</u> Dairy - <u>http://www.agriculture.gov.au/export/food/dairy/din</u> Eggs - <u>http://www.agriculture.gov.au/export/food/eggs/egg-notices</u>

#### Market Access Advice Notices (MAA's) issued since 5 February 2016

#### <u>Meat</u>

MAA1603	15/02/2016	UAE	Changes to the requirements for AIOs and Halal Certification
MAA1604	19/02/2016	Mexico	Flat stacking of ovine carcases
MAA1605	24/02/2016	Vanuatu	Acceptance of Meat Product from Tier One Establishments
MAA1606	01/03/2016	Switzerland	Changes to beef labelling requirements
MAA1607	02/03/2016	South Korea	Revised Export Certification for Australian Poultry
MAA1608	09/03/2016	EU	eCert Exchange with EU's TRACES
MAA1609	15/03/2016	USA	New cut types for cartons of Bone-in and boneless beef

## <u>Fish</u>

MAA2016- 02	23/02/2016	French Polynesia	<i>Bonamia exitiosa</i> : Trade update for the European Union and French Polynesia
MAA2016- 03	23/02/2016	French Polynesia	French Polynesia: Change of export certification requirements for fish and fishery products
MAA2016- 04	24/03/2016	Hong Kong	Import ban on Tasmanian mussels from the Spring Bay harvest area, Tasmania

#### <u>NPG</u>

MAA2016-	10/02/2016	China	China: Audit of Australian Hides & Skins export
01			industry.

Should any login issues be encountered, please contact us through the relevant program MICoR email.

Meat - micormeat@agriculture.gov.au Diary or seafood - dairyeggsfish@agriculture.gov.au

If you do not have access to MICoR, visit the website <a href="http://micor.agriculture.gov.au">http://micor.agriculture.gov.au</a>

After clicking on the appropriate commodities group (noting logins are not required for fish, eggs and nonprescribed goods), click on the 'apply for access' link which will send a request for access to the department. The department will assess the application and, if the applicant is successful, issue a login and password. Please note that the information on MICoR may not reflect recent changes to importing country requirements. The Department of Agriculture encourages all exporters to contact officials of the importing country, either through the importer or directly, to confirm that their product meets the current requirements of the importing country.

Due to the August 2014 MICoR upgrade, some pages display the date of 'last update' as a date in July or August 2014. These dates were applied when the system was upgraded and therefore do not necessarily reflect the last date that the page was updated. Exporters should not rely on this date to determine when changes to importing country requirements have occurred. The department encourages all exporters to contact officials of the importing country, either through the importer or directly, to confirm that their product meets the current importing country requirements.

The information provided above is current at the time of writing and is intended for use as guidance only and should not be taken as definitive or exhaustive. The Commonwealth endeavours to keep information current and accurate, however, it may be subject to change without notice. Exporters are encouraged to verify these details with their importers prior to undertaking production/exports. The Commonwealth will not accept liability for any loss resulting from reliance on information contained in this notice.