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**Report Highlights:**

This report lists the major export certificates and other documentation required by the Government of New Zealand for U.S. exporters of food and agricultural products. New Zealand's import requirements for food and agricultural products are complex and change frequently. Therefore, this report focuses on the certificate requirements for U.S. products with the strongest export potential.

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FINAL IMPORT APPROVAL OF ANY PRODUCTS IS SUBJECT TO THE IMPORTING COUNTRY'S RULES AND REGULATIONS AS INTERPRETED BY BORDER OFFICIALS AT THE TIME OF PRODUCT ENTRY.

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## **Executive Summary**

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is the key organization that regulates food imported into New Zealand. MPI has the lead role in biosecurity protection (e.g., preventing unwanted pests and diseases from being imported into New Zealand and controlling, managing, or eradicating pests should they arrive). It also protects the nation's agricultural industry by maintaining public health and safety, and ensuring the integrity of imported foods. The Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) is responsible for setting food standards that govern the content and labeling of foods sold in New Zealand and Australia.

This report contains certificate information on the key U.S. products supplied to New Zealand, including products such as citrus, pork, and stone fruit. Total imports of U.S. agricultural products into New Zealand reached a record US\$ 570 million in 2024, and the growth of shipments of U.S. products to New Zealand has continued to be strong.

## Section I: Export Certificates Required by Government

Export Certificate	Purpose	Applicable products	Issuing Authority	System
<a href="#"><u>Animal Products e-Cert</u></a>	Certifies that animal products meet New Zealand's health and safety standards.	Meat, dairy, eggs, and other animal-derived products.	New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI).	Processed through MPI's electronic certification system, AP E-cert.
<a href="#"><u>Phytosanitary Certificate</u></a>	Verifies that plant products are free from pests and diseases.	Fresh fruits, vegetables, seeds, grains, and other plant-based items.	U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).	Processed through MPI's electronic certification system, ePhyto.
<a href="#"><u>Free Sales Certificate</u></a>	Confirms that the product is legally sold in the U.S. market.	Processed foods, beverages, and other consumer goods.	U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or relevant state authorities.	
<a href="#"><u>Animal Compounds</u></a>	Ensures that animal feed and veterinary medicines meet New Zealand's safety standards.	Animal feed, veterinary medicines, and related compounds.	MPI's Animal Products E-cert system.	
<a href="#"><u>Organic Certification (for Organic products)</u></a>	Confirms that organic products meet New Zealand's organic standards.	Organic crops, livestock, and processed organic products.	MPI-accredited certifying agents in New Zealand	
<a href="#"><u>Import Health Standard (IHS)</u></a>	Ensures that specific products meet New Zealand's import health standards.	Varies by commodity; exporters must consult the relevant IHS for each product.	New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI).	

## Section II: Specific Attestation Required on Export Certificates

Products	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate
Cherries (State of California)	Phytosanitary certificate issued by the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is required.	<a href="#">Section 4.1</a> of the Import Health Standard has more information on the phytosanitary requirements.
	Additional declarations required on the phytosanitary certificate.	<p>APHIS must provide the following additional declarations to the phytosanitary certificates:  The cherries in this consignment have:</p> <p>(i) been inspected in accordance with appropriate official procedures and found to be free from any visually detectable quarantine pests specified by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. <b>AND</b></p> <p>(ii) undergone appropriate pest control activities that are effective against: <i>Monilinia fructigena</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p>been sourced from an area free (verified by an official detection survey) from:</p> <p><i>Monilinia fructigena</i> <b>AND</b></p> <p>(iii) treated in accordance with Appendix 1 of the Arrangement between the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service concerning the access of host material of fruit fly</p> <p>See <a href="#">page 372</a> of Import Health Standard requirements here for information on additional declarations on Phytosanitary certificate</p>
Cherries - (States of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho)	Phytosanitary certificate issued by the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) required	<u>Please see <a href="#">Section 6.1.5</a> of Import Health Standard requirements for information on Phytosanitary requirements.</u>
	Additional declarations on the phytosanitary certificate	APHIS must also provide the following additional declarations: (i) This is to certify that the cherries described herein have been inspected according to appropriate official procedures and are considered to be free from the quarantine pests specified by New Zealand MAF and to conform with the current phytosanitary requirements of New Zealand MAF, including those

	required.	<p>for regulated non-quarantine pests.</p> <p>(ii) This is to certify that the cherries in this consignment have undergone appropriate pest control activities that are effective against those regulated high impact pests specified by NZ MAF.</p> <p>See <a href="#">section 6.1.6</a> of New Zealand Import Health Standard requirements for information on additional phytosanitary requirements.</p>
<b>Dried fruits</b>	No phytosanitary certificate required	<p>There are no certification or inspection requirements for dried, freeze dried, dehydrated, or flaked fruit and vegetables that are commercially manufactured or produced except for those that may have seeds that are entered as “Entry Prohibited” and those listed in sections 9.3, 9.4 and 9.7. Check Import Health Standard requirements in the <a href="#">Stored Products for Human Consumption</a> Import Health Standard.</p>
<b>Fruits (Mandarin/ tangerine, orange, apricot, pears, plums)</b>	Phytosanitary certificates issued by the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) required for all fruit and vegetable consignments entering New Zealand	<p>See <a href="#">Sections 2.1 and 2.2</a> of the Import Health Standard requirements at Fresh Fruit and Vegetables for information on phytosanitary certificates.</p>
<b>Grain</b>	Additional declaration required on the phytosanitary certificate	<p>See the relevant <a href="#">Import Health Standard</a>.</p> <p>APHIS must provide the following declarations to the Phytosanitary certificates: <i>“This is to certify that the plants, plant products or other regulated articles described herein have been inspected and/or tested according to appropriate official procedures and are considered to be free from the quarantine pests specified by the importing contracting party and to conform with the current phytosanitary requirements of the importing contracting party, including those for regulated non-quarantine pests”</i>.</p> <p>Any additional declaration(s) as required under Part 2 of the Import Health Standard - Specific Requirements.</p>
<b>Mandarin / Tangerine</b>	Additional declaration required on the phytosanitary certificate required	<p>APHIS must provide the following additional declarations to the phytosanitary certificates:</p> <p>Mandarins/tangerines in this consignment have: (i) been inspected in accordance with appropriate official procedures and found to be free from any visually detectable quarantine pests, specified by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. AND</p> <p>(ii) undergone appropriate pest control activities that are effective against: <i>Aleurocanthus woglumi</i> ; <i>Spiroplasma citri</i> [VO] ; <i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> OR</p> <p>been sourced from an area free (verified by an official detection survey) from:</p> <p><i>Aleurocanthus woglumi</i> ; <i>Spiroplasma citri</i> [VO]; <i>Xanthomonas campestris</i></p>

		<p>AND</p> <p>(iii) treated in accordance with Appendix 1 of the arrangement between Ministry of Primary Industries and the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service concerning the access of host material of fruit fly species of economic significance into New Zealand from the United States of America.</p> <p>See <a href="#">page 364</a> of Import Health Standard requirements for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables for more information.</p>
<b>Peanuts</b>	No phytosanitary certificate required	<p>No certification or inspection required by Biosecurity New Zealand if packaged for direct retail sale or in packages up to and including 10 kilograms. If more than 10 kilograms, inspection is required.</p> <p>Check <a href="#">Section 9.8</a> of the New Zealand Import Health Standard at Stored products for Human Consumption for more information.</p>
	<a href="#">Certificate of Free Sale</a> from State Department of Agriculture is required.	<p>Consignments are tested at intervals depending on the frequency of import.</p> <p>In all cases, a certificate of analysis is required for each consignment. Check Import Health Standard requirements at <a href="#">Stored Products for Human Consumption</a></p>
<b>Pork</b>	Permit to Import, Eligibility and Zoosanitary certificate	<p><a href="#">Import Health Standard</a></p> <p><a href="#">A permit is required for pig meat and pig meat products that require further processing in New Zealand for further processing (See Part C. Clearance Procedure). Import Health Standards</a></p> <p>Applications for a permit to import must be made prior to the proposed date of importation in writing to:  Animal Imports Team  MAFBNZ  PO Box 2526  Wellington 6140  New Zealand  Email: <a href="mailto:animalimports@maf.govt.nz">animalimports@maf.govt.nz</a>  Fax: +64 4 894 0733</p> <p>MANUFACTURER'S DECLARATION  I, being the Manager of the factory where the pig meat/pig meat products identified in this Zoosanitary Certificate have been manufactured, certify that:</p> <p>1. The consignment includes: (Delete options as appropriate)  EITHER a) cooked pig meat products that have reached at least one of the following minimum core temperature/times:  56 degrees Celsius for 60 minutes;  57 degrees Celsius for 55 minutes;  58 degrees Celsius for 50 minutes;  59 degrees Celsius for 45 minutes;  60 degrees Celsius for 40 minutes;  61 degrees Celsius for 35 minutes;  62 degrees Celsius for 30 minutes;  63 degrees Celsius for 25 minutes;</p>



		<p>64 degrees Celsius for 22 minutes;  65 degrees Celsius for 20 minutes;  66 degrees Celsius for 17 minutes;  67 degrees Celsius for 15 minutes;  68 degrees Celsius for 13 minutes;  69 degrees Celsius for 12 minutes; or  70 degrees Celsius for 11 minutes;</p> <p>OR b) cured where the product has been subjected to a procedure which ensures the meat meets one of the following requirements:  reached a pH of 5 or lower; or  was fermented (lactic curing) to a pH of 6.0 or lower and age-cured/ripened for at least 21 days; or  qualified for official certification as Prosciutto di Parma or an equivalent 12 month curing process;</p> <p>OR c) prepared as consumer-ready cuts packaged for direct retail sale, not including minced (ground) meat, not including the head and neck, not exceeding 3kg per package, with the following tissues removed: axillary, medial and lateral iliac, sacral, iliofemoral (deep inguinal), mammary (superficial inguinal), superficial and deep popliteal, dorsal superficial cervical, ventral superficial cervical, middle superficial cervical, gluteal and ischiatic lymph nodes; and any other macroscopically visible lymphatic tissue (i.e. lymph nodes and lymphatic vessels) encountered during processing;</p> <p>OR d) none of the above. (Note: Products that are certified as none of the above need to be processed in a New Zealand transitional facility prior to being given a biosecurity clearance.)</p>
<b>Roasted / Salted Pistachios</b>	No phytosanitary certificate required.	No certification or inspection required by Biosecurity New Zealand if packaged for direct retail sale or in packages up to and including 10 kilograms. If more than 10 kilograms, inspection is required.
	<a href="#">Certificate of Free Sale</a> from a State Department of Agriculture is required.	<p>Consignments are tested at intervals depending on the frequency of import.</p> <p>In all cases, a certificate of analysis is required for each consignment. Check Import Health Standard requirements at <a href="#">Stored products for Human Consumption</a>.</p>
<b>Stone Fruits (California Nectarines &amp; Peaches)</b>	Phytosanitary certificate issued by the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is required	See <a href="#">section 6.1.4</a> of the New Zealand Import Health Standard requirements for Fresh Peach and Nectarine from California regarding phytosanitary certificate requirements.
	Additional declarations are required on	<p>APHIS must provide the additional declarations to the phytosanitary certificate:</p> <p>"The peaches and nectarines in this consignment have:</p>

	the phytosanitary certificate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- been inspected in accordance with appropriate official procedures and found to be free of any visually detectable regulated pests specified by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. And,</li> <li>- been treated in accordance with Appendix 1(b) of the Workplan between NZ MAF and APHIS, USDA. And,</li> <li>- undergone appropriate pest control activities that are effective against those Risk group 2 regulated pests specified by NZ MAF. Or,</li> <li>- been sourced from an area free (verified by an official detection survey) from those Risk group 2 regulated pests specified by MPI."</li> </ul> <p>Please check <a href="#">section 6.1.5 of Import Health Standard</a> requirements at Fresh Peach and Nectarine from California for the most recent requirements.</p>
<b>Table grapes (State of California)</b>	Phytosanitary certificate issued by the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is required.	<a href="#">Section 6.1.5</a> of the New Zealand Import Health Standard requirements for Table Grapes from the State of California has more information on phytosanitary requirements.
	Additional declarations required on the phytosanitary certificate.	<p>APHIS must provide the following additional declarations to the phytosanitary certificates:</p> <p>(i) This is to certify that the table grapes described herein have been inspected according to appropriate official procedures and are considered to be free from the quarantine pests specified by New Zealand MAF and to conform with the current phytosanitary requirements of New Zealand MAF, including those for regulated non-quarantine pests; AND</p> <p>(ii) The table grapes in this consignment have been treated in accordance with Appendix 1(b) of the Workplan between MPI and USDA, APHIS. AND</p> <p>(iii) Treated in accordance with the measures specified by MAF Biosecurity New Zealand for the access of host material of <i>Drosophila suzukii</i> from the United States of America.</p> <p>Please check section 6.1.5 of New Zealand Import Health Standard requirements at Table Grapes from the State of California for the most recent requirements.</p>
<b>Walnuts, Pecans, Almonds</b>	No phytosanitary certificate required.	<p>No certification or inspection required by MPI, if packaged for direct retail sale or in packages up to and including 10 kilograms. If more than 10 kilograms, inspection is required.</p> <p>Check the Import Health Standard (Section 9.8) requirements at Stored products for Human Consumption or more information.</p>

### **Section III: Government Certificate Legal Entry Requirements**

To import food from the United States to New Zealand, a Certificate of Analysis from the USDA or State Department of Agriculture is required. Typically, the certificate is issued by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), and states that the food meets New Zealand's import standards and is safe for consumption. Most certificates are valid for one shipment only. Certificates issued for other countries are not accepted.

New Zealand does not require a certificate attesting irradiated foods, rules for irradiation of foods can be found on the FSANZ site [here](#).

Entry requirements are set out in the Ministry for Primary Industries' [Import Health Standards](#). Original documents relating to the shipment must accompany each shipment.

### **Section IV: Other Certification Requirements for Market Entry**

U.S. exporters are required to meet both biosecurity and food safety requirements. For more information on New Zealand's food safety requirements, see the Ministry for Primary Industries [website](#).

The Organic Products and Production Bill was passed in the New Zealand Parliament in 2023, which set important standards for organic classification. The work program to structure the new regulatory regime is currently being worked on by MPI, with no indicated release date. Further information can be found [here](#).

Further information regarding New Zealand food laws, food labeling, and packing requirements for imported foods can be found in the FAS New Zealand Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards (FAIRS) Annual Country report.

### **Attachments:**

No Attachments