



Notice to Industry

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New ICON case for ‘Manufactured articles containing scoured wool’.

The purpose of this notice is to advise industry that on the 14 August 2009 AQIS will introduce a new ICON case for ‘Manufactured articles containing scoured wool’. The new ICON case covers manufactured articles containing scoured wool from both foot and mouth disease (FMD) and non-FMD affected countries.

Background

Table 13, Section 38 of the *Quarantine Proclamation 1998* outlines conditions under which wool may be imported for commercial and non-commercial uses without an import permit.

The AQIS ICON database currently contains three cases for ‘Wool – Scoured’ which relate to scoured wool imported from FMD countries, non-FMD affected countries, and New Zealand.

The AQIS Biological Imports Program has become aware that confusion exists amongst importers about the requirements for the importation of manufactured articles containing scoured wool.

The Integrated Cargo System tariff chapter 94 ‘Furniture, bedding, mattresses, mattress supports; cushions and similar stuffed furnishings etc.’ previously required importers/brokers to respond to the following question:

Do the goods contain any animal material (excluding tanned leather)?

AQIS is aware that a number of importers of manufactured articles containing scoured wool have incorrectly answered **NO** to this question. This tariff chapter question has now been amended to the following:

Do the goods contain any animal derived material including feathers or wool (excluding tanned leather)?

Importers of manufactured articles containing scoured wool are required to answer **YES** to this question.

To help guide importers AQIS has developed a new ICON case ‘Manufactured articles containing scoured wool’ which incorporates import conditions where these goods are imported from either an FMD or non-FMD affected country (see attached case).

This case will be posted on ICON and come into effect on 14 August 2009. In summary the case outlines the import conditions for both commercial and non-commercial imports as follows:

Commercial consignments of manufactured articles containing wool will require a Quarantine Entry to be lodged and be accompanied by certification confirming the scouring process the wool has been subjected to, and that the wool is free from contamination by extraneous materials e.g. faeces, plant material or insects.

Non-commercial consignments (i.e. for the personal use of individuals wishing to import the item) do not require a Quarantine Entry but the articles must contain scoured wool free from contamination by extraneous material. The requirement for certification does not apply to non-commercial consignments. These consignments may however be subject to inspection.

Clearance of goods following introduction of the new case on 14 August 2009 will require the necessary documentation to be provided. Importers who have consignments in transit pending the change to the new import case should contact the Biological Imports Program (see below for contact details) if they have concerns regarding the clearance of these goods.

Further Advice

For further information on the new ICON cases for manufactured articles containing wool please contact AQIS Biological Imports Program by email (biologicals@aqis.gov.au) or by phone on 02 6272 4578 during the hours 9 – 11am or 2 – 4pm Monday to Friday.

ICON case (to take effect as of 14 August 2009)

Wool – Manufactured articles containing wool – all uses other than as animal foods, fertilisers or for growing purposes

Topic All
Type/s:

Commodity: Wool – Manufactured articles containing wool

Scientific name:

Non-FMD affected Countries *All countries excluding those listed below*

FMD-affected Countries: Afghanistan, Alderney, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Aruba, Ashmore Islands, Aust Antarctic Terr, Azad Kashmir, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Baker Island, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin (Peoples Rep), Bermuda, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bonaire, Bosnia/ Herzegovina, Botswana, Bouvetoya, Brazil, Brechou, British. Indian Oc. Terr., Brunei, Burkina, Burundi, Cambodia (Kampuchea), Cameroon, Canary Islands, Cape Verde Is, Cartier Islands, Cayman Is., Central African Republic, Chad, China (People's Republic), Christmas Islands, Ciskei, Cocos (Keeling) Is., Colombia, Comm. Independ States, Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), Comoros, Congo, Congo (Democratic Republic), Cook Islands, Coral Sea Islands Terr, Curacao, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Dronning Maud Land, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Falkland Island, Faroe Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Gabon, Galapagos Islands, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Gibraltar, Greenland, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guam, Guernsey, Guiana (French), Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Rep., Haiti, Hawaiian Islands, Heard Island & McDonald Islands, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, India, Iran, Iraq, Isle Of Man, Israel, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jarvis Islands, Java, Jersey, Jethou, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Repub, Korea, Democratic Peoples Republic (North Korea), Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lihou, Macau, Macedonia, Malawi, Malaysia, Malaysia (Penninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak only), Maldives, Repub, Mali, Marshall Islands, Martinique, Mauritania, Mayotte, McDonald Islands, Melilla, Micronesia, Federated States Of, Midway Island, Moldavia, Monaco, Mongolia,

Montserrat, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar (Burma), Namibia, Nauru, Repub., Nepal, Netherlands Antilles, Newly Independent States (NIS) of the former Soviet Union, Niger, Nigeria, Niue, Norfolk Island, North Mariana Islands, North Mariana Islands (Saipan only), Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Palmyra, Panama Canal Zone, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Penon De Alhucemas, Penon Velez De La Gomera, Peru, Philippines, Pitcairn Island, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Reunion (FR), Ross Dependency, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa (American), Samoa (Western), San Marine, Sand & Johnston Islands, Sao Tome/Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somali Republic, South Africa, Republic Of, Spanish North Africa, Sri Lanka, St Croix, St Helena, St Kitts & Nevis, St Kitts - Nevis, St Lucia, St Peirre & Miquelon, St Vincent & The Grenadines, Sudan, Surinam, Svalbard & Jan Mayen, Swaziland, Syria, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Terre Adelie, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tokelau, Tonga, Kingdom Of, Trinidad & Tobago (S. America), Tristan Da Cunha, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Turks/Caicos Island, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, US Minor Outlying Areas, Uzbekistan, Vatican City, Venezuela, Vietnam, Virgin Island (BR), Virgin Islands (US), Wake Island, Wallis & Futuna Islands, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Yugoslavia, Federal Republic of , Zambia, Zimbabwe

End use: All uses other than as animal foods, fertilisers or for growing purposes

Condition C***

Non-Commercial

1. An Import Permit is not required.
2. A Quarantine Entry is not required.
3. Articles must be clean and free of seed, soil, animal and plant debris and other quarantine risk material prior to arrival in Australia.
4. Articles may be subject to inspection on arrival to verify that the consignment is free of seed, soil, animal and plant debris and other quarantine risk material.
5. If the consignment does not meet the above conditions it will require either treatment (as detailed in the Commercial section below) re-exportation or destruction.

Commercial

1. An Import Permit is not required.
2. A Quarantine Entry must be lodged for each consignment
3. The commodity must be packed in new and clean bags.
4. Certification/Declaration Requirements

4.1. FMD-affected countries (see list above)

Each consignment must be accompanied by an official government certificate stating:

- i) The country of origin of the wool; and
- ii) That the wool has been scoured at a minimum temperature of 60°C for at least 5 minutes at a minimum pH of 9 or a heat treatment of approximately 95-100°C for at least 15 minutes; and
- iii) The wool does not contain any seeds, plant material or faecal contamination.

or

- i) The country of origin of the wool; and
- ii) That the wool has been scoured at a minimum temperature of 60°C for at least 5 minutes at a minimum pH of 9 or a heat treatment of approximately 95-100°C for at least 15 minutes.

4.2. Non FMD-affected countries

Each consignment must be accompanied by **either** an official government certificate **or** a manufacturer's declaration endorsed by an official government officer stating:

- i) the scouring process that was applied; and
- ii) that the wool does not contain any seeds, plant material or faecal contamination;

or

- i) the scouring process that was applied.

5. If an official government certificate is provided the format must comply with requirements as detailed in [PQA0194: Government certification - format requirements](#). Note: official government certification is essential for articles originating from FMD-affected countries.

If a manufacturer's declaration endorsed by an official government officer is provided it must be:

- . from the supplier/manufacturer
- . on supplier's / manufacturer's letterhead (including company address and country).
- . signed by a senior company employee whose name, title and contact details also appear.

- . signed by a Government Officer whose name and title also appear (all alterations must be initialled or stamped by the government officer responsible for signing the certificate).
- . sealed with the stamp of the Government Department.
- . dated and free from erasures and uncertified alterations (all alterations must be initialled by the senior company employee responsible for signing the declaration).
- . written in English and containing the correct statement/s as required above.
- . specific to the relevant commodity listed on this permit
- . specific to the consignment by referring to at least one of the following: container number, bill of lading number, commercial invoice number, preferential tariff certificate number, packing list number, letter of credit number, batch/serial number or date of manufacture. Documentation must comply with format requirements as detailed in [PQA0194: Government certification - format requirements](#).

6. Where documentation, as specified in point 4.1 and 4.2, attests to the freedom of the consignment from contamination, an inspection of the goods will not be required. Where documentation, as specified in point 4.1 and 4.2, does not attest to the freedom of the consignment from contamination, an inspection rate of 1% of manufactured articles per consignment will be required. The importer is advised that inspection may involve opening samples of articles within the consignment and this may affect the commercial viability of inspected articles.

7. Where consignments are not covered by valid documentation or are covered by documentation with an incorrect statement, amended documentation will be requested.

8. If documentation is not provided as required by point 4 above for either FMD-affected or non FMD-affected countries, the consignment must undergo gamma irradiation at 50kGray (T9652), be re-exported or destroyed.

9. If an inspection is required and the wool is contaminated with seeds, insects or faeces the consignment must be:

- a) gamma irradiated at 50 kGray (T9652) or
- b) re-exported or
- c) destroyed

10. The above treatments, identifications or procedures for re-export or destruction are at the importer's expense