



IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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IDENTITY CHECKS AND FEES UNDER THE NEW ZEALAND EQUIVALANCE AGREEMENT

Purpose

1. To inform BIPs of the change in levels of identity checks on consignments from New Zealand and new level of fees.

Background

2. The Joint Management Committee (JMC) established under Article 16 of the Agreement between the European Community and New Zealand on sanitary measures applicable to trade in live animals and animal products have agreed to amend Annex VIII to the Agreement. The JMC have agreed that the level of identity checks should be set at 100 %. For consignments from New Zealand the identity check may consist of only verifying that the seals are intact and that container identity information and the seal number correspond to those given in the accompanying sanitary documentation or certificate.
3. The JMC also agreed to reduce the frequency of physical checks for animal products for human consumption from 2 % to 1 %. (see annex 1 below for further information)
4. These amendments are contained in [Commission Implementing Decision 2015/1084](#) which has now been published in the Official Journal.

Inspection fees

5. A new fees structure was also agreed.



For Live animals and germplasm.

6. Inspection fees shall be applied in accordance with Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004.

For products of animal origin.

7. Inspection fees shall be applied in accordance with Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 with a reduction of 22.5 %. However, for the transit of goods through the Union, inspection fees shall be applied in accordance with Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 without reduction.

Action for OVSs

8. To note the changes in the EU new Zealand equivalence agreement. OVSs should also note the changes to Annex V, chapter 28 and chapter 29.

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Annex 1

ANNEX VIII

FRONTIER CHECKS AND INSPECTION FEES

A. FRONTIER CHECKS ON CONSIGNMENTS OF LIVE ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS

Type of frontier checks :	Rate in %
1. Documentary and Identity checks	100
Both Parties will perform documentary checks	
Identity check means a discretionary confirmatory check by the Competent Authority to ensure that the sanitary certificate(s)/document(s) or other document(s) provided for by sanitary legislation correspond with the product within the consignment. In the case of sealed containers, such identity check may consist of only verifying that the seals are intact and that container identity information and the seal number correspond to those given in the accompanying sanitary documentation or certificate.	
2. Physical checks (including random or targeted)	
Live animals, except bees and bumble bees	100
Queen bees and small colonies of bumble bees	100
Bees and bumble bees packages	50
Semen/embryos/ova	10
Live animals and animal products for human consumption listed in Annex V to Council Decision 97/132/EC	1
Animal products not for human consumption listed in Annex V to Council Decision 97/132/EC	1
Processed animal protein not for human consumption (bulked)	100 % for the first 6 consignments and then 1-10 %.