



## IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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### IMPORTATION OF FRESH MEAT FROM NEW ZEALAND VIA SINGAPORE

#### Purpose

1. To advise you of new arrangements for the importation of fresh meat from New Zealand (NZ) via Singapore as provided for in [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2016/535](#).

#### Background

2. The Annex V of the New Zealand Equivalence Agreement sets out the equivalence status for the importation of certain animals and products. Further information about the latest amendments to the Agreement was provided in [OVS Note 2015/41](#).

3 Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 lays down the list of third countries, conditions and health certification requirements for imports of fresh meat from third countries.

4. The New Zealand authorities have asked for a faster way to transport meat to the EU. They foresee sending the meat from NZ to Singapore by air where it will be stored in an approved establishment in the Customs area of the airport. It will then be reloaded and transited across Singapore to the seaport where it will be loaded and shipped to the EU.

5. Consignments will be accompanied from NZ to Singapore by the certificate provided for in the Equivalence Agreement. On arrival in Singapore, documentary and identity checks will be carried out. When leaving the approved establishment in Singapore the reefer container will be sealed by the relevant authorities. When the consignment leaves Singapore a further transit certificate (NZ-TRANSIT-SG) will be issued by the competent authority (CA) in Singapore.



6. On arrival in the EU each consignment will be accompanied by two certificates – one issued by the NZ CA and the other issued by the Singapore CA. The consignment can be treated as if it were coming from NZ and the level of checks that are carried out should reflect those set out in the NZ Agreement.

7. It is not envisaged that consignments will be amalgamated/consolidated in Singapore. Therefore for each consignment that is presented at the BIP, the meat referred to in the 'transit' certificate will cover the same product/consignment as that covered by the certificate issued in NZ.

8. We would expect the CVED to be completed as follows:

- Box 6 – country of origin –NZ
- Box 7 – country from where consigned – Singapore
- Box 10 – Veterinary documents – certificate and details from Singapore. The NZ certificate will be a supporting document.

9. We would not expect to see any cloning of the NZ certificate, but the certificate issued in Singapore will be in TRACES and available for cloning.

9. In order to facilitate this trade, Singapore has been added to the list of countries in Part I of Annex II of Regulation (EU) No 206/2010. Further the new transit certificate has been added to Part II of Annex II of that Regulation.

10. Currently there are no establishments in Singapore that are [approved](#) for storage of this material. This trade should not commence until such time as the establishment in Singapore is approved. If under these new arrangements, you receive fresh meat from NZ that has been stored in a non-approved establishment in Singapore, please hold the consignment and contact the Centre for International Trade for further advice.

### **Action for OVSS**

11. To note the above information.

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