



Approved Standard for Places of First Arrival

Short Name: POFA-ALL

Operators of Places of First Arrival are strongly advised to familiarise themselves with this standard and the associated guidance document. MAFBNZ should be contacted if any part of the standard, guidance document and/or regulatory requirements are unclear, prior to undertaking any activities relating to approval or operation of a port as a place of first arrival.

Issuing Authority

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Biosecurity New Zealand, issues this standard – *Approved Standard for Places of First Arrival, BNZ-STD-POFA* which revokes and replaces the following standards:

- *MAF Standard BMG-SEA-PORTS: Requirements for Places of First Arrival (29 May 2003),*
- *MAF Standard BMG-STD-AIRPT Requirements for Places of First Arrival (Airports) (17 December 2001),*
- *MAF Standard BMG-STD-AAR Arrival of Aircraft 158.8, and*
- *Appendix 1 of the MAF Standard VESSELS Requirements for Vessels arriving in NZ.*
- *Requirements for Port Approval and Monitoring (Sept 1997)*

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This standard is accessible on: (*MAF hyperlink*)

A. Introduction

The Biosecurity Act 1993 (“the Act”) prescribes requirements for the exclusion, eradication and effective management of pests and unwanted organisms. The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Biosecurity New Zealand (MAFBNZ) is responsible for administering the Act and for developing and administering standards to ensure the requirements of the Act are met.

B. Reviews and Amendment

This MAF Biosecurity Standard is subject to periodic review and amendment at any time, to ensure that it continues to meet biosecurity objectives. Operators must ensure that the most recent version of this Standard is used.

Amendment No.	Date	Reference

1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS STANDARD

This standard specifies the requirements for the approval, and maintenance of that approval, of a port as a place of first arrival,

A port that meets these requirements will be approved as a place of first arrival.

Ports that do not meet these requirements will not be approved.

2.0 BIOSECURITY REQUIREMENTS

All ports must have the arrangements, facilities and systems in place; that effectively manage risks associated with the importation of risk goods; to be approved as a Place of First Arrival.

3.0 APPROVAL OF A PORT AS A PLACE OF FIRST ARRIVAL

Approval is specific to the type of biosecurity risk arriving at the place of first arrival. An Operator of a place of first arrival, or third parties, must operate in accordance with the specific import health and/or operational standards (schedule 1) that manage the risk of the types of craft and cargo the operator is approved to receive. This includes the provision of specific facilities for dealing with specific risk goods approved to be imported by the port.

**A Place of First Arrival is defined as the specific area of control the operator exercises over areas of land and buildings, harbor, wharf and berthing areas.
All Places of First Arrival must have an MAF approved operator and an operating manual.**

3.1. Requirements for Approval

A written application is required for each place of first arrival. The application must be accompanied by a detailed documented system. Once approved the approval notice will be gazetted.

(Note: The applicant is advised to apply for licensing and permissions for receipt of passengers and goods from other relevant government departments and agencies separately to the MAFBNZ approval).

The operator of the port applying to be approved as a place of first arrival must provide the following facilities appropriate for the type and volume of cargo received and/or the number of passengers/crew expected to arrive:

- Transitional, containment or facilities approved to the appropriate transitional facility or containment standard(s),
- Biosecurity control area(s),
- Inspection facility/facilities,
- Interview room(s),
- Quarantine area(s), and
- Accommodation for biosecurity detector dogs (where required).

3.2 The operator must also provide an operating manual describing how the following activities are to be effectively managed:

- Notification of the arrival of craft to MAF staff via an approved system,
- Transfer of risk goods from craft to a transitional facility/containment or biosecurity control area,
- Processing of passengers/crew through inspection and/or interview procedures and use of detector dogs,
- Disposal/transfer of biosecurity refuse to a biosecurity refuse facility,
- Communication of biosecurity requirements to place of first arrival staff and crew and passengers of craft,
- Security of people, risk goods and craft,
- Contingency systems for unforeseen events and activities that compromise biosecurity management and/or increase biosecurity risks, and
- Notification to MAF of breakdown, failure and/or breach of the biosecurity management system.

On-going management of places of first arrival will be assessed against the above criteria to ensure compliance.

4. COSTS

All costs associated with approving the systems, facilities and arrangements and assessing places of first arrival and craft arriving at ports not approved as places of first arrival will be recovered at the applicable rate specified by the Biosecurity (Costs) Regulations 2010.

5. DEFINITIONS

The following terms and definitions apply to this standard. Other terms and definitions used are as per the Biosecurity Act 1993, the Customs and Excise Act 1996 and any regulations made under those Acts.

Applicant

The person responsible for the craft arriving at a place of first arrival that is not approved as such.

Biosecurity Refuse

Any waste material that is a risk good and requires treatment or sterilisation.

Operator

The person responsible for the management and operation of the port approved as the place of first arrival.

SCHEDULE 1

The requirements for the facilities referred to in this standard are set out in the standards listed below. These are available at www.maf.govt.nz/biosecurity/border.

FACILITIES

General Transitional Facilities for Uncleared Goods

MAF Biosecurity Standard: BNZ-STD-TFGEN

Note: includes requirements for a Vehicle, Machinery, Flight kitchen, Quarantine Transfer Station and Container Decontamination Facility, and requirements for a Fresh Produce Inspection

RELEVANT ARRANGEMENTS AND SYSTEMS

Import Health Standard for Sea Containers from All Countries

Details the requirements for importation of sea containers into New Zealand

Inspection of Vessels Arriving in New Zealand

Details the inspection requirements for vessels arriving into New Zealand

Requirements for Clearance of Air Passengers, Aircrew and Baggage

Details the requirements for receiving air passengers, aircrew and biosecurity risk associated with baggage

Vessels Requirements for Vessels Arriving in New Zealand

Details the system requirements for vessels arriving into New Zealand

SCHEDULE 2:- EXAMPLE

SEAPORT/AIRPORT APPROVAL CERTIFICATE EXAMPLE:

Gazette No.

PLACE OF FIRST ARRIVAL IN NEW ZEALAND

Under Section 37 of the Biosecurity Act 1993

_____ Port

is approved as a

Place of First Arrival in New Zealand

for the following types of craft:

Air plane

General cargo

Bulk cargo

Naval/Military

Passenger

Tankers

Yachts/Pleasure craft

Other (project, dredge, fishing)

This approval is limited to the arrival of craft for the purpose of discharging the following imported cargo types:

Bulk grain and/or fertiliser;

Bulk liquids;

Containers;

Fresh produce;

General cargo;

Live animals;

Passengers and Baggage; and

Vehicles and machinery.

Noting MAFBNZ approval is in conjunction with the current Customs Services approval for places of first arrival as per the Customs Act 1996.

Approved by:

For the Director-General

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (acting under delegated authority)

Date: / / 20__

