

STANDARD 1.6.2

PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS

(Australia only)

Purpose

This Standard sets out the requirements for processing of foods regulated in Chapter 2 of this Code. This Standard does not apply to food produced in, or imported into, New Zealand.

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3 Processing of egg products

- (1) In this clause –

liquid egg white means the white of egg separated as efficiently as practicable from the yolk in liquid form.

liquid egg yolk means the yolk of egg separated as efficiently as practicable from the white in liquid form.

liquid whole egg means the whole egg removed from the shell and includes the product which is frozen or chilled, but does not include reconstituted dried egg.

(2) Liquid whole egg or a mixture of liquid egg yolk and liquid egg white must not be sold or used in the manufacture of food unless it has been pasteurised by being retained at a temperature not lower than 64°C for at least 2.5 minutes and immediately rapidly cooled to a temperature not greater than 7°C.

(3) Liquid egg yolk must not be sold or used in the manufacture of food unless it has been pasteurised by being retained at a temperature not lower than 60°C for at least 3.5 minutes and immediately rapidly cooled to a temperature not greater than 7°C.

(4) Subject to subclause 2(2) of Standard 2.2.2, liquid egg white must not be sold or used in the manufacture of food unless it has been pasteurised by being retained at a temperature not lower than 55°C for at least 9.5 minutes and immediately rapidly cooled to a temperature not greater than 7°C.

Editorial note:

From raw material production to the point of consumption, egg products and products containing egg products should be subject to a combination of control measures, including, for example, pasteurisation, and such measures should be shown to achieve the appropriate level of public health protection.

Editorial note for New Zealand:

For New Zealand purposes, processing requirements for egg products are regulated under the *Animal Products Act 1999* and the *Food Act 1981*.

To commence on 20 May 2012:

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4 Eviscerated poultry

(1) Poultry in the form of an eviscerated carcass may include the gizzard, heart, liver, neck or a combination thereof.

(2) Uneviscerated poultry must not be frozen.

Editorial note for New Zealand:

For New Zealand purposes, processing requirements for poultry are regulated under the *Animal Products Act 1999* and the *Food Act 1981*.

5 Dried meat

Dried meat means meat that has been dried to a water activity of no more than 0.85 but does not include slow dried cured meat.

Editorial note for New Zealand:

For New Zealand purposes, processing requirements for dried meat are regulated under the *Animal Products Act 1999* and the *Food Act 1981*.

6 Crocodile meat

(1) In this clause –

crocodile meat means the skeletal muscle of the family *Crocodylidae* including any attached fat, connective tissue, nerve, blood and blood vessels, but does not include head meat.

(2) Crocodile meat must be derived from farmed animals and be handled in accordance with and under the conditions specified in the Standing Committee on Agriculture's *Australian Code of Practice for Veterinary Public Health: The Hygienic Production of Crocodile Meat for Human Consumption*, 1993, published by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation.

(3) A person must not sell as food any part of the carcass of the family *Crocodylidae* that is not crocodile meat.

Editorial note for New Zealand:

For New Zealand purposes, processing requirements for crocodile meat are regulated under the *Animal Products Act 1999* and the *Food Act 1981*.

7 Game meat

(1) In this clause –

game meat means the whole or part of the carcass of any bird, buffalo, camel, deer, donkey, goat, hare, horse, kangaroo, rabbit, pig, possum or wallaby that has been slaughtered in the wild state, but does not include avian eggs, foetuses, parts of foetuses or pouch young.

game meat flesh means skeletal game meat muscle, including any attached fat, connective tissue, nerve, blood, blood vessels and, in the case of birds, skin.

game offal means game meat other than game meat flesh.

(2) Game meat, except game birds, must be obtained –

- (a) from a game carcass which has been subjected to governmentally approved post mortem inspection; or
- (b) in accordance with a governmentally approved quality assurance program designed to ensure that the game meat is fit for human consumption.

(3) Game meat offal, except for bone or cartilage attached to game meat flesh, must not be sold as or used in the preparation of food.

Editorial note for New Zealand:

For New Zealand purposes, processing requirements for game meat are regulated under the *Animal Products Act 1999* and the *Food Act 1981*.

8 Fermented comminuted processed meat

(1) In this clause –

comminuted means chopped, diced or minced.

mechanically separated meat means meat that has been separated from bone by a mechanical process that results in comminuted meat.

rendered trimmings means the cooked meat fractions derived from the rendering of meat trimmings, excluding ligamentum nuchae.

(2) Fermented comminuted processed meat is heat treated if it has had its core temperature maintained at 55°C for a period of at least 20 minutes, or an equivalent combination of time and higher temperature.

(3) Fermented comminuted processed meats are cooked if they have had their core temperature maintained at 65°C for a period of at least 10 minutes, or an equivalent combination of time and higher temperature.

(4) A fermented meat product must not contain mechanically separated meat or rendered trimmings unless it has been cooked in accordance with subclause (3).

Editorial note:

Processed meat in this clause includes processed meat and manufactured meat in accordance with Standard 2.2.1, irrespective of the prescribed names set out in that Standard.

Guidelines for the Safe Manufacture of Smallgoods published by Meat and Livestock Australia, will assist manufacturers and appropriate enforcement agencies to give effect to the provisions in this clause.

Editorial note for New Zealand:

For New Zealand purposes, processing requirements for fermented comminuted processed meats are regulated under the *Animal Products Act 1999* and the *Food Act 1981*.