

Biosecurity Alert on Importation of Microbial Growth Medium/ Culture Medium

The Biosecurity Authority of Fiji (“BAF”) would like to officially notify all stakeholders on the review of requirements for the Importation of Microbial Growth Medium/ Culture Medium into Fiji.

The review has come in place due to the importation of large number of Microbial Growth Medium/ Culture Medium containing blood (animal origin), egg yolk, beef extract, bovine broth and possibly other animal products from various countries.

Importation of Microbial Growth Medium/ Culture Medium with the composition of animal origin ingredient will require a BAF import permit.

Importers need to have a Biosecurity Approved Premises for the importation, storage, usage and disposal of Microbial Growth Medium/ Culture Medium and Microorganisms.

Import Requirements:

Importers should have a valid Import permit prior to the importation of Microbial Growth Medium/ Culture Medium into Fiji.

- A Master list of all Microbial Growth Medium/ Culture Medium with percentage composition of animal origin ingredient is to be submitted to BAF with a filled Import permit application prior to importation.
- A BAF Import Permit is to be obtained prior to the importation of Microbial Growth Medium/ Culture Medium. Please email animalimports@baf.com.fj for any clarification or enquiry.
- Importers are to ensure the import permit requirements are met prior to the importation.

The Microbial Growth Medium/ Culture Medium:

- label should be in English language;
- should be in its original packaging upon arrival;
- should state country of origin/ Manufacturing; and
- consignment is subject to BAF inspection to verify goods meet the import conditions.

What you can do:

Obtain an import permit prior to the importation and ensure all import permit conditions are met upon arrival of the consignment.

Any imported consignment that has animal products as ingredients and do not follow BAF's import procedure will be treated as a non-compliance at border. Clearance facilitation with additional charges, reshipment or confiscation will be actioned at the importers cost based on the type of noncompliance associated with the importation.

Import Application Forms can be obtained from BAF website www.baf.com.fj

For further clarifications please contact the Permits team at BAF Headquarters on 3312512 Ext 124 / 151 or alternatively, on email: animalimports@baf.com.fj.

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