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**Veterinary Certification for Scoured Fibre from the European Union**

**CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors relating to the clearance of scoured fibre in accordance with the approved veterinary certificate from the European Union**

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Matthew Stone, Chief Technical Officer, Ministry for Primary Industries, give the following directions for scoured fibre from the European Union to be given clearance in accordance with the approved veterinary certificate from Member States of the European Union. The approved veterinary certificate contains the following measures, different from those in Clause 2.2 of the applicable import health standard Animal Fibre (ANIFIBRE.ALL dated 24 September 2014), for scoured-only animal fibre from specified ruminants.

The approved veterinary certificate from the European Union states:

The fibre described has been industrially scoured at a temperature of 75°C.

Clause 2.2 of ANIFIBRE.ALL states fibre must be processed in the following manner:

- 1) Commercially scoured (aqueously scouring at 60-70°C for at least three minutes); and
- 2) After scouring fibre is:
  - i) Washed in water at a temperature of at least 75°C for one minute; or
  - ii) Dried at a temperature of at least 70 °C for at least two minutes.

Industrially scoured fibre at a temperature of 75°C is deemed by MPI as equivalent to the requirements in ANIFIBRE.ALL.

On arrival in New Zealand, the scoured-only fibre will be authorised to be moved to an approved transitional facility where the wool must be processed to remove seeds and plant material using the one of the methods described in Clause 2.2.2(2).

This direction takes effect from the date of signing and continues in effect until amended or revoked.