Ref: CTO 2015 043 [B]   Veterinary Certification for Hides and Skins from the European Union

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors relating to the clearance of hides and skins 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 hides and skins 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 the applicable import health standard *Hides and Skins* (HIDESKIN.ALL dated 7 August 2015).

The specified requirements in HIDESKIN.ALL for processed hides and skins, salted or dried hides and skins and casualty skins will be replaced by the following agreed wording in the Agreement between the European Community and New Zealand:

- The live animal(s) or animal product(s) herein described, complies/y with the relevant European Union standards and requirements which have been recognized as equivalent to the New Zealand standards and requirements as prescribed in the European Union/New Zealand Agreement on sanitary measures (Council Decision 97/132/EC). Specifically in accordance with Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 and Regulation (EU) 142/2011.
- The animal product is eligible for intra-Union trade without restriction.

Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 lays down the health rules in relation to animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and Regulation (EU) 142/2011 relates to the implementation of Regulation (EC) 1069/2009. Regulation (EU) 142/2011 describes the specific requirements for hides and skins of ungulates (Annex XIII, Chapter V). These measures are deemed by MPI as equivalent to the requirements in HIDESKIN.ALL.

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

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