



Ref: CTO 2016 030 [1]

Honey: Returned New Zealand Honey

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of returned New Zealand honey

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Vicki Melville, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following direction for returned New Zealand honey to be given clearance in accordance with the assessment of equivalence to the Import Health Standard for the *Import Health Standard for Specified Processed Bee Products (BEEPROIC.ALL; 13 November 2006)*:

The nature of the non-compliance is that the returned honey does not comply with Clause 7.8(iv) of the above Import Health Standard. This clause requires commercial consignments of returned honey to be accompanied by an export certificate used to export the honey from New Zealand. In this instance, multiple countries to which this returned honey was exported do not require an export certificate from New Zealand.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and will be effectively managed.

In addition, the returned honey, processed by Evergreen Life Ltd, is subject to an MPI food safety recall for using non-approved substances (dihydroxyacetone and methylglyoxal) during the processing of the honey (details at <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/food-safety/food-safety-for-consumers/food-recalls/evergreen-life-limited-manuka-honey-and-honey-products/>).

The returned honey will be allowed entry through Import Permit # 2016060891 issued to Evergreen Life Ltd. The import permit will have instructions to the Quarantine Officers to release the consignments to MPI's Kathryn Manning (Chief Compliance Officer, Compliance Directorate) or Robin Peake (Senior Investigator, Compliance Directorate).

The returned honey will be subject to sample collection by MPI's Compliance Directorate, after which the consignment will be destroyed under MPI supervision.

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