



Ref: CTO 2016 011 [1]

Chicken: Equivalent to Retort

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of cooked dehydrated chicken

Replaces CTO direction: CTO 2015 030 [1]

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Lucy Johnston, Manager (Acting) Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for cooked dehydrated chicken chunks for use in soup manufacture to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard, *Specified Foods for Human Consumption Containing Animal Products* (EDIPROIC.ALL):

The product must be accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration that specifies the product has been heat treated at a temperature of 121 degrees Celsius, 13-15 PSI for one hour. This is in excess of the time-temperature parameters listed in EDIPROIC.ALL as equivalent to Fo3 and can be considered an equivalent heat treatment. The product may be given biosecurity clearance in accordance with the clause for retorted product.

This heat treatment is also considered sufficient to inactivate risk organisms associated with chicken meat; including infectious bursal disease which is the most heat resistant risk organism associated with imported chicken meat and will be inactivated at 120°C in 30 seconds.

The goods given clearance by this CTO direction are cooked dehydrated chicken chunks.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with importation of this cooked product have been assessed and are managed effectively.

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

The nature of the non-compliance with the requirements in the applicable import health standard is the manufacturer's declaration has not been endorsed for this heat treatment as the USDA library of export documents needs to be corrected. This request is underway with the USDA.

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