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Fibre: cut and shredded New Zealand yarn

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of cut and shredded New Zealand yarn

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Sinead Phillips, Senior Advisor, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following direction for cut and shredded New Zealand yarn to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in Clause 6.21 of the Import Health Standard for Specified Animal Products and Biologicals from all countries (Ineproic.all)

Clause 6.21 states:

Commercially manufactured items (e.g. apparel, carpets, fabric, dyed and spun yarn) containing animal fibres such as wool, mohair, angora, cashmere, alpaca etc. from *any country* may be given clearance.

There are currently sixteen import health standards that relate to fibres but only two import health standards:

Ineproic.all (specifically Clause 6.21): <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/ihsearch/0/ineproic>

Or

Fibnzoic.all : <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/ihsearch/0/fibnzoic>

which could be used to import "returning New Zealand cut and shredded yarn"

Clause 6.3 of Fibnzoic.all : <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/ihsearch/0/fibnzoic> requires that the products be within the original unopened packaging on arrival, which often is not the case for returning New Zealand origin yarn so instead of giving an equivalence under this clause of this Import Health Standard to say that yarn can re enter NZ in wool packs rather than in the original unopened packaging the cut and shredded New Zealand yarn can come in under Clause 6.21 of Ineproic.all <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/ihsearch/0/ineproic> and be imported in new wool packs. This is considered to be sufficient to mitigate the negligible risk such a product (yarn) poses.

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

Signed at Wellington 26th August 2013


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