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CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of retorted poultry and rabbit/hare.

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Lucy Johnston, senior adviser, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for retorted poultry products and retorted rabbit/hare, to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the import health standard for specified foods for human consumption (EDIPROIC.ALL 2010):

The poultry product(s) must be accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration that specifies that the product is shelf stable and has undergone a heat treatment achieving a core temperature of at least one of the following:

- 102 degrees Celsius for no less than 20 minutes,
- 100 degrees Celsius for no less than 30 minutes,
- 105 degrees Celsius for no less than 26 minutes,
- 107 degrees Celsius for no less than 15 minutes,
- 108 degrees Celsius for no less than 39 minutes,
- 114 degrees Celsius for no less than 14 minutes,
- 115 degrees Celsius for no less than 12 minutes.

The rabbit/hare product(s) must be accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration that specifies that the product is shelf stable and has undergone a heat treatment achieving a core temperature of at least the following:

- 108 degrees Celsius for no less than 41 minutes

All product(s) must be in their original, consumer ready packaging, with a maximum net weight of 4000g.

This heat treatment and packaging presentation presents a negligible exposure pathway and effectively manages the biosecurity risks associated with importation of this product. Modelling has demonstrated that exposing the chicken virus, Infectious Bursal Disease Virus (IBDV) to 100 degrees Celsius obtaining an Fo2.8 Value for < 4 minutes brings about a 3D reduction in virus (99.9%).

Other requirements applicable in the import health standard for specified foods for human consumption containing animal products (EDIPROIC.ALL 2010) clause 7.1 must be met.

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

Signed at Wellington this 7th day of October 2013



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(Acting under delegated authority)