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New Zealand Origin Chicken Meat: Accompanying Documentation

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to New Zealand origin chicken meat from Australia.

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 directions for New Zealand origin chicken meat from Australia in relation to the *Import Health Standard: Animal Products That Have Undergone Third Country Processing*, ANIPROIC.ALL:

The nature of the non-compliance with the requirements in the applicable import health standard is the required documentation that accompanies the consignment.

Clause 15.2 of IHS ANIPROIC.ALL states that the documentation that accompanies the third country processed animal product to New Zealand must consist of...A copy of the original sanitary certificate for the animal product, which meets all requirements of the import health standard for the animal product for importation into New Zealand; or, if the animal product originates from New Zealand, a copy of the export certificate from New Zealand. This copy is to be endorsed "certified copy of original" and signed by an official of the competent authority of the third country where processing occurs.

For New Zealand origin chicken meat that undergoes further processing in Australia and then exported back to New Zealand, the copy of the original export certificate from New Zealand to Australia is not required to be endorsed by the Australian Competent Authority and the submission of a non-endorsed copy will manage the risk effectively.

The reason for this direction is that the biosecurity risks associated with this commodity have been assessed and are managed effectively.

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

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