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Hatching Eggs: Official Seals

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to hatching eggs

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Lucy Johnston, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for hatching eggs in relation to the *Import Health Standard: Chicken hatching eggs from Canada and the USA (BIRPHEIC.USC)*:

The IHS requires the eggs to be placed into a spill proof container and sealed into clean and disinfected crates using an official seal. Hatching eggs from the USA are exported in cardboard boxes and applying a traditional bolt seal would require holes to be put in each box to prevent tampering/opening of the boxes during transport. Use of official USDA quarantine tape instead of a metal bolt seal manages the risk of tampering and opening of boxes during transport.

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.