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Pet Food: DEFRA (UK) Animal Health Certificate

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of pet food from the UK

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Nasser Ahmed, Senior Adviser (Animal Imports), Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give direction for pet food from the UK be given clearance in accordance with the assessment of equivalence with the United Kingdom's Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA)'s Animal Health Certificate with the certificate in the *Import Health Standard for the Importation into New Zealand of Processed Petfood Containing Category 3 Material Only from the European Community (FODPPPIC.EEC, 11 October 2004)*

Equivalence: Clause 9 (Animal Health Certificate)

Equivalence with the Animal Health Certificate in Clause 9 of the above import health standard has been determined with the Animal Health Certificate issued by the United Kingdom's Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

Equivalence Rationale

DEFRA's Animal Health Certificate omits the import health standard's Clause 9(II) (Origin of Product) question: "*Product derived from animals born and reared.....*". This omission is not considered a biosecurity risk given that the statement "*...product does not contain and is not derived from bovine, ovine and caprine materials other than those derived from animals born, continuously reared and slaughtered in the European Union....*" in Section V [Additional Declaration(s)/Guarantee(s)] of the certificate is equivalent in intent and meaning of the omitted question.