



Ref: CTO 2014 007 [1]

Crocodile Meat: From Australia without Zoosanitary Certification

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of crocodile meat

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 crocodile meat to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard *Importing Crocodile Meat Products from Australia* (MEACROIC.AUS; 18 January 2010).

The nature of the non-compliance with the requirements in the applicable import health standard is that the consignment (Reference: Non-Compliance Report pertaining to BACC Consignment No. C2014/24956) comprising of frozen crocodile meat originating from Australia arrived in New Zealand without appropriate zoosanitary certification.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and are managed effectively. For legislative reasons Australia's Department of Agriculture is unable to issue the required zoosanitary certificate for the consignment retrospectively. However, the Australian competent authority has provided MPI with alternative documentation whose content has been assessed as being equivalent to the import health standard's zoosanitary certification.

This direction takes effect from the date of signing and continues in effect until the above consignment receives biosecurity clearance.