



Ref: CTO 2014 024[G]

Pet Food: Rawhide Chews

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of rawhide chews

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 rawhide chews to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the *Import Health Standard for Shelf-Stable Petfoods Containing Animal Products (PETFODIC.ALL;1 May 2007)*:

The nature of the non-compliance with the requirements in the applicable health standard is that the rawhide chews do not comply with Clause 7.7.5(v) in that they have been heat treated instead of being soaked in lime solution of pH14 for at least 8 hours as required by the standard.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and will be effectively managed provided the consignments are supported by an original Manufacturer's Declaration certifying that the products have been treated to 85 degrees Celsius and held at that temperature for a minimum of 2 hours.