



Ref: CTO 2014 065 [G]

Pet Food: Turtle Food

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of turtle food

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 turtle food 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 its scope is limited to terrestrial animals and not aquatic animals.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and will be effectively managed. The product will be given to turtles that are kept in aquariums. Consequently, waste food will not contaminate the open water bodies.