



Ref: CTO 2014 78 [G]

Biological: Clearance of Specimens Preserved by Embedding in Resin

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the direction of non-viable animal specimens which are preserved by embedding in resin

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 nonviable animal specimens from all countries to be given direction in accordance with the following measures different from those in the applicable import health standard for the Importation Preserved Animal Specimens from all Countries [INESPEIC.ALL]:

Under clause 6.4, Microscope slides of animal tissue (including bacteria and protozoa) fixed onto glass microscope slides under glass coverslips, equivalence is given to samples mounted on glass slides and encased in resin, and

Under clause 6.6, Invertebrates preserved in liquid formalin, alcohol or embedded in amber, resin or similar solid coating, equivalence is given to all biological specimens.

Biological specimens originating from various animal and plant species are often imported into New Zealand. After assessing risk analysis advice, it has been deemed that the biosecurity risk associated with these materials would be effectively mitigated if they are encased in resin and / or mounted on a glass microscope slide and encased in resin.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and are managed effectively.

This direction takes effect from the date of signing and continues in effect until amended or revoked.