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Aquaculture Feed: Aquaculture Feed Samples

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to aquaculture feed samples

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Vicki Melville, Manager Animal Trade, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following direction for clearance of consignments of aquaculture feed samples in relation to the *Import Health Standard for Fish Food and Fish Bait from All Countries* (FISFOOIC.ALL; 2 December 2011).

The above import health standard requires aquaculture feed to be accompanied by a zoosanitary certificate, regardless of the size of the consignment. This means aquaculture feed imported as trade samples or for lab evaluation in New Zealand need to be accompanied by the zoosanitary certificate. Feed manufacturers / exporters have found obtaining zoosanitary certification for aquaculture feed for trade samples and lab evaluation as onerous, and hence have requested dispensation from meeting this requirement.

Given that the end use of these feed samples will not be for feeding aquaculture stock, biosecurity risks associated with these consignments would be much less than those presented by shelf-stable food for ornamental fish that can be imported without zoosanitary certification under Clause 7.2.1 of the above import health standard. Further, such importation will be allowed under permit assessment.

The reason for this direction is that the biosecurity risk associated with aquaculture feed samples has been assessed and managed effectively.

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