Ref: CTO 2015 005 [1] Egg powder: Not Manufactured In Al Free Country, Zone or Compartment.

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of egg powders.

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Marnie Thomas, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for egg powders to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard shelf-stable spray dried egg powders or egg crystals from specified countries (Poueggic.spe):

The IHS requires in clause 6.2 of the manufacturers declaration that the egg powder must be certified to have been manufactured in a country, zone or compartment free from avian influenza.

In this case the competent authority has not certified the eggs originated or were manufactured in a country, zone or compartment free of avian influenza. The manufacturer has declared the eggs have been heat treated in accordance with clause 6.1, which is a sufficient heat treatment to inactivate avian influenza.

In this case the products are samples only that will be used to test a packaging process. There is a negligible exposure pathway to chickens and the product has been sufficiently heat treated to mitigate the risk of Al. The potential for contamination of the product post manufacture is minimal as the product is commercially prepared.

The goods given clearance by this CTO direction are egg powder samples manufactured by Rembrandt Foods in Iowa, the United States, imported by GEA.

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.