



**Ref: CTO 2015 009 [G]**

**Petfood: Chinese Petfood via Australia**

**CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of Chinese petfood via Australia**

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 direction for Chinese petfood imported into New Zealand from Australia to be given clearance in accordance with the assessment of equivalence to the *Import Health Standard for Shelf-stable Petfoods Containing Animal Products (PETFODIC.ALL; 1 May 2007)*:

The nature of the non-compliance is that the above import health standard does not have provisions for allowing third country petfood to be imported from Australia. The rawhide chews in these composite petfood are sourced and processed in China and released by the competent authority in Australia for sale in that country. This means when the rawhide chews are imported into New Zealand they will not be accompanied by the original copy of the government-endorsed manufacturer's declaration as required under Clause 7.7.5 of the above import health standard.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and will be effectively managed. The petfood will subject to the following import conditions:

- The consignment must be accompanied by the following documents:
  - Original manufacturer's declaration stating that poultry components in the pet treats have been heated to a core temperature of at least 100 degrees Celsius for a minimum of 24 minutes.
  - Copy of the Chinese competent authority's Veterinary (Health) Certificate for the rawhide component in the pet treats stating that the rawhide has been soaked in a lime solution of pH 14 for at least 8 hours.
  - Copy of Australia Department of Agriculture's Permit to Import Quarantine Material document for the pet treats.
  - Copy of Australia Department of Agriculture's Released From Quarantine document for the pet treats.

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