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Hides and Skins: Wool or Hair By-Product

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of wool or hair recovered from hides and skins.

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 recovered wool or hair to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard for Hides and Skins [*HIDCOMIC.ALL* 30 dated June 2011]:

Wool or hair may be recovered during the normal processing of hides and skins. Part D Clause 34(c) states that all trimmings and solid waste removed from hides and skins during processing must be collected and disposed of by either rendering or incineration.

Recovered wool or hair as a by-product of processing hides and skins is eligible for clearance provided that it has been scoured and carded to the requirements of the import health standard for Unprocessed Specified Animal Fibre from All Countries (*FIBUNPIC.ALL* dated 2 September 2004) or any standard that replaces it.

Moreover, the wool or hair by-product must be scoured and carded at a transitional facility approved to the MPI Standard for General Transitional Facilities for Uncleared Goods (MPI-STD-TFGEN Annex F).

The nature of the non-compliance with the requirements in the applicable import health standard is the wool or hair by-product is not being disposed of as per the import health standard *HIDCOMIC.ALL*.

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.