



Ref: CTO 2014 146 [G]

Pet Food: Zoo-sanitary Certification Equivalence

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of pet food without zoo-sanitary certification

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 petfood from Canada containing bovine ingredient to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the *Import Health Standard for Shelf-stable Petfoods Containing Animal Products (PETFODIC.ALL;1 May 2007)*:

Clause 7.5(vii) of the above import health standard requires petfood from Canada to be accompanied by a zoosanitary certificate if they contained bovine ingredients. The nature of non-compliance is that the petfood will not be accompanied by the zoosanitary certificate. Instead, they will be accompanied by a Manufacturer's Declaration stating that the only beef ingredient in the products is tallow with maximum level of insoluble impurity of 0.15% by weight.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and will be effectively managed. As per the Biosecurity (Ruminant Protein) Regulations 1999, tallow with insoluble impurity level not exceeding 0.15% by weight is not considered to be ruminant protein.

This equivalence assessment will be included on relevant import permits.

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