



Ref: CTO 2014 129 [B]

Petfood: Zoosanitary certification not required for bovine material-containing petfood from the USA

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of bovine material-containing petfood from the USA without zoosanitary 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 bovine material-containing petfood from the USA 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)*:

The requirement in Clauses 7.2(vi), 7.5(vii), 7.7.2(vi), and 7.7.4(vi) for petfood containing bovine material and imported into New Zealand from the United States of America to be accompanied by certification that meets Part D (Zoosanitary Certification) of the above import health standard is deleted.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and will be effectively managed. According to the OIE's Resolution No. 18 (82nd General Session, May 2014), the United States of America is one of the member countries recognised as having a negligible BSE risk status in accordance with Chapter 11.4 of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code. The BSE risk status of the United States of America is now equivalent to that of Australia. Petfood containing bovine material and imported into New Zealand from Australia is not required to be accompanied by Zoosanitary Certification (Part D) of the above import health standard.

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