Ref: CTO 2023 046 [G]
Aquatic Animal Products - Salmonid Fish Roe

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to salmonid fish roe

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Vicki Melville, Manager, Animal Imports Team, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for salmonid fish roe in relation to the *Import Health Standard: Aquatic Animal Products* (AQUAPROD.GEN; 23 December 2022*).*

Under Clause 2.1 of the above IHS, salmonid fish roe must be imported from MPI recognised countries. Prior to the publication of the above IHS, salmonid fish roe that is commercially packaged for direct retail sale could be imported from any country under the now revoked *Import Health Standard for the Importation into New Zealand of Caviar for Human Consumption from All Countries* (FISCAVIC.ALL).

Instead of requiring salmonid fish roe to comply with the requirements in Clause 2.1 of AQUAPROD.GEN, this CTO direction is for facilitating importation of the product under Clause 2.2.8 (Non-salmonid fish commercially packaged for direct retail sale) of the IHS. Guidance information will be inserted in the IHS to clarify this inclusion.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with importation of salmonid fish roe have been assessed and managed effectively.

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

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