



Ref: CTO 2015 028 [G]

Petfood: Food for Lorikeets

**CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of food for lorikeets**

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 pet treats and pig ear chews 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;3 November 2014)*:

The nature of the non-compliance with the requirements in the applicable health standard is that the food for the lorikeets do not comply with Clause 7.6 of the above import health standard: the products are neither baked nor are they extruded. They are, instead, in powder form.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and will be effectively managed. Though the products are not baked or extruded during the manufacturing process, they are made from ingredients (such as egg powder and milk powder) that have been heat treated. The bee pollen (constituting less than 2%) in the product is irradiated at a minimum dose of 15 Kilo Gray from a cobalt source.