



Ref: CTO 2015 029 [G]

Petfood: Animal Protein Hydrolysate

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of animal protein hydrolysate

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 uncooked dehydrated laboratory animal feed to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the *Import Health Standard for the Importation of Heat-treated (Cooked) Pet Food into New Zealand From Australia* (FODCPFIC.AUS;1 November 2001):

The nature of the non-compliance with the requirements in the applicable health standard is that the products do not comply with Clause 8.1.1: they are hydrolysates of bovine species instead of poultry listed in the above standard.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and are managed effectively. During manufacture, the products are heated to a core temperature of 90 degrees Celsius and held at that temperature for 30 minutes. This thermal treatment is sufficient to mitigate biosecurity risks for exotic animal diseases except BSE. Given that the hydrolysates are made from Australian cattle and that Australia is a Negligible BSE Risk Country the products can therefore be expected to present no BSE risk.