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To whom it may concern:

**ABSENCE OF SPECIFIED ANIMAL DISEASES FROM NEW ZEALAND**

As New Zealand's Director Post-Border I confirm that none of the following specified animal diseases has ever occurred in New Zealand.

- foot and mouth disease
- rinderpest
- lumpy skin disease
- swine vesicular disease
- African swine fever
- bluetongue
- akabane disease
- African horse sickness
- highly pathogenic avian influenza
- Rift Valley fever
- ovine pulmonary adenomatosis
- Japanese encephalitis
- equine influenza
- vesicular stomatitis
- bovine spongiform encephalopathy
- chronic wasting disease
- peste des petits ruminants
- sheep pox and goat pox
- rabies
- glanders
- European foulbrood
- tracheal mite
- tropilaelaps mites
- west Nile virus
- Newcastle disease
- duck viral enteritis
- duck viral hepatitis
- contagious caprine pleuropneumonia
- maedi-visna
- Brucella melitensis
- contagious agalactia
- porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome
- enzootic abortion of ewes

New Zealand has been free from:

- infectious bursal disease since 1999
- Aujeszky's disease since 1995
- anthrax since 1954
- classical swine fever since 1953
- equine infectious anaemia since 1999
- Brucella abortus since 1989
- fowl typhoid and pullorum disease since 1985
- scrapie since 1954
- contagious bovine pleuropneumonia since 1864

New Zealand has legislation prohibiting the feeding of ruminant material to ruminants; this legislation has been in place since 2000.

It should be noted that the lists presented above are not exhaustive – further information regarding diseases not present in New Zealand or New Zealand's disease status can be obtained by emailing: [Surveillance@maf.govt.nz](mailto:Surveillance@maf.govt.nz)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Hayes', written in a cursive style.

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