Ref: CTO 2015 066 [G] Hides and Skins: Gelatine

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of gelatine.

Replaces CTO direction: 2014 136 [G]

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 gelatine to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard for Hides and Skins [HIDESKIN.ALL dated 7 August 2015]:

Part D Clause 34(c) states that all trimmings and solid waste generated from hides and skins during processing must be collected and disposed of by either rendering or incineration.

Gelatine is a highly processed by-product derived from hides. Gelatine may be extracted from hides using a multiple step process which involves liming, pickling and steam/hot water extraction at a temperature range of 50 to 90°C for 20 hours.

Gelatine that has been subjected to a liming process at a pH equal to or greater than 12.5 and/or a pickling process at a pH equal to or less than 4 is eligible for clearance.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and are managed effectively.

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