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Blood Meal: Animal Repellent Containing Bovine/Porcine Blood Meal

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of Animal repellent containing Bovine/Porcine blood meal from Sweden.

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 Animal Repellent containing Bovine/Porcine Blood Meal from Sweden to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the *Import Health Standard for Animal Repellent containing Bovine/ Porcine origin Blood Meal from Sweden, INEREPIC.SWE.* 

The nature of the non-compliance is that clause 10.6 of Part 9 Model Zoosanitary Certification of the import health standard requires the Swedish Competent Authority to certify the commodity that "Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) has not been recorded in Sweden." The Competent Authority is unable to meet this requirement.

In 2006, one single case of atypical BSE has been recorded by the Swedish Board of Agriculture. This prevents the Swedish Competent Authority to attest the product to clause 10.6.

According to the OIE Terrestrial *Code* (2016) chapter 11.4. for BSE, Article 11.4.1 states that official BSE risk status recognition excludes 'atypical BSE' as a condition believed to occur spontaneously in all cattle populations at a very low rate. Therefore, occurrence of 'atypical BSE' in the exporting country should not pose any BSE risk to New Zealand.

So as long as the Swedish Board of Agriculture continues to demonstrate that BSE occurrence is due to the detection of 'atypical BSE', and only 'atypical BSE', it is deemed to be equivalent to clause 10.6 of the standard.

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.

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