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BIOPRODIC.ALL, CELLCULIC.ALL, MICROIC.ALL: Commodities Arriving without Required Import Permit

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to *biological products or samples, microorganisms or cell cultures arriving without a required import permit*

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Lucy Johnston, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for biological products or samples, microorganisms or cell cultures arriving without a required import permit in relation to the import health standards for biological products (BIOPRODIC.ALL), cell cultures (CELLCULIC.ALL) and microorganisms (MICROIC.ALL):

Clause 13 of BIOPRODIC.ALL states:

13. *A permit to import is required for biological products, with the exception of:*
- *Milk and milk products that meet the criteria contained in Part C below, OR*
 - *Biological products that are listed on the **Negligible Risk Register**. See Guidance Document.*

Clause 5.1 of CELLCULIC.ALL states:

- 5.1 *A permit to import is required for all cell cultures imported under this standard and must be issued prior to importation. A permit to import can include multiple cell cultures.*

Clause 5.1 of MICROIC.ALL states:

- 5.1 *A permit to import is required for all microorganisms imported under this standard and must be issued prior to importation. A permit to import can include multiple microorganism species.*

The relevant import health standard requires the commodity is accompanied by a valid import permit issued by the Ministry for Primary Industries. This consignment has arrived at the border without an import permit.

Under the relevant import health standard, the commodity has been assessed by Animal Imports

1. as meeting the requirements for biosecurity clearance; or
2. is to be given biosecurity authority to move to the relevant (and appropriately approved) transitional or containment facility.

In this instance, the commodity is eligible for entry into New Zealand without an import permit as the associated risks have been assessed and are managed effectively.

The importer must be advised an import permit is required for any future importations.

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