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Pig By-product: Thyroid Powder

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to pig by-products.

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 porcine thyroid gland powder in relation to the import health standard Biological Products (Including Samples) [BIOPRODIC.ALL dated 5 November 2015]:

Each consignment of porcine thyroid gland powder must be accompanied by:

- a manufacturer's declaration that states the product has been heated to a temperature of at least 54°C for a minimum of 12 hours; and
- an export certificate from the United States Department of Agriculture that certifies the following:
 - African swine fever, foot and mouth disease, classical swine fever, rinderpest and swine vesicular disease have not occurred in the United States of America (USA) during the 12 months prior to scheduled date of export; and
 - the product is derived from pigs born, raised and slaughtered in the USA, and the product is fit for human consumption.

Additionally, each batch of product must be linked (identifiable) to the manufacturer's declaration and veterinary certificate.

The thyroid powder is a highly processed pharmaceutical product intended for human consumption.

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

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