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Aquaculture Feed: Third Country Manufactured Aquaculture Feed Imported via Australia

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to third country manufactured aquaculture feed imported via Australia

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 direction for clearance of consignments of third country manufactured aquaculture feed imported via Australia in relation to the *Import Health Standard for Fish Food and Fish Bait from All Countries* (FISFOOIC.ALL; 2 December 2011).

The above Import Health Standard requires imported aquaculture feed to be accompanied by an original zoosanitary certificate that is compliant with the model certificate in Part D of the IHS. For aquaculture feed imported into Australia and then exported to New Zealand after being given clearance for sale in that country, the required zoosanitary certificate cannot be provided to MPI and therefore cannot be given clearance here even though they may not pose any biosecurity risk to New Zealand's aquaculture industry or the environment.

Requests for allowing importation of third country manufactured aquaculture feed via Australia may be considered through the permit system if equivalence could be determined.

The reason for this direction is that the biosecurity risks associated with the aquaculture feed will be assessed and managed effectively.

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