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Returned New Zealand Animal Products: Lack of Overseas Official Control

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to Returned New Zealand Animal 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 Returned New Zealand Animal Products in relation to the *Import Health Standard: Returned New Zealand Animal Products*, RETURNAP.ALL:

The nature of the non-compliance with the requirements in the applicable import health standard is a lack of overseas official control of the animal products while they were overseas.

Clause 2.1 of IHS RETURNAP.ALL states that returned New Zealand animal products must have been under overseas official control while overseas.

When returned New Zealand animal products have gone outside overseas official control while overseas, the animal products must be directed to an MPI-approved Transitional Facility and be inspected to establish that the animal products are the original New Zealand animal products (E.g. original packaging is intact and has not been tampered with, and unique identifications of animal products and the original export documentation match, etc.). The Outcome of the inspection must be assessed by the Animal Imports team before biosecurity clearance can be given.

The reason for this direction is that the physical inspection and assessment by the Animal Imports team manage biosecurity risks as effectively as the requirement in clause 2.1.

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