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Pig Meat: From Approved Countries via Australia

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of pig meat and pig meat 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 pig meat and pig meat products from Canada/United States of America, the European Union, and the Sonora State of Mexico to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standards below:

Pig meat and pig meat products for human consumption from Canada and/or the United States of America (meaporic.nam).

Pig meat and pig meat products for human consumption from the European Union (meaporic.eu).

Pig meat and pig meat products for human consumption from Sonora State of Mexico (meaporic.mex).

The consignment must be accompanied by the following documentation:

- Original copies of the overseas competent authority's zoosanitary certificate for pig meat along with any copies of quarantine directions from Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry for the consignment to demonstrate that the pork meets Australian import requirements.
- Proof of full chain of custody of the pig meat must be provided by the importer at the New Zealand border (e.g. documentation that links the consignment/container coming into New Zealand to the original health certificate).

The nature of the non-compliance with the requirements in the applicable import health standard is that these consignments of pork which originate from Canada/USA, the EU and/or the Sonora State of Mexico imported via Australia will be accompanied by a zoosanitary certification intended for Australia rather than a health certificate for New Zealand.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and are managed effectively. The zoosanitary certificates intended for Australia have been assessed and determined as being equivalent to New Zealand's zoosanitary certification (Part D of the above import health standards). Other requirements which are applicable in the import health standards for pig meat and pig meat products for human consumption from these countries must also be met.

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