



Ref: CTO 2014 038 [G]

Fish Food: Rotifers and Rendered Porcine Blood

**CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of rotifers and fish food containing rendered porcine blood**

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 rotifers and fish food containing rendered porcine blood to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable *Import Health Standard for Fish Food and Fish Bait from all Countries* [FIFOIC.ALL; 2 December 2011]:

- The rotifers must belong to *Brachionus plicatilis* and *Brachionus calyciflorus* species, and they must be certified by the exporter as being pure cultures.
- The rendered porcine blood in the fish food must meet the requirements in Clause 1.2 of the Veterinary Certificate (Section IV of Part D) of the above standard.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and are managed effectively. The rotifers have been assessed as being equivalent in biosecurity risk to the *Artemia salina* and/or *Artemia franciscana* species, which are allowed importation under Section 7.2.2 of the above standard. The rendered porcine blood in the fish food is highly processed and has been deemed equivalent in biosecurity risk to the rendered porcine blood in other import health standard for animal feed.

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