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Dairy Product: Returning from Overseas

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of New Zealand dairy product returning from overseas.

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 New Zealand dairy product returning from overseas to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard Import Health Standard for the Importation into New Zealand of New Zealand Origin Dairy Products Returning from Other Countries (DAINZOIC.ALL):

MPI Officer must be present at de-vanning the entire container to verify that product has not been opened, replaced or tampered with in any way.

Returning containers of New Zealand dairy product that have had the original New Zealand seal broken at port overseas and replaced with a foreign seal from that country may be released in New Zealand on the condition that an official MPI observer be present when the container is de-vanned. Any foreign product or unsealed New Zealand product that might have been placed in the container will be destroyed.

The goods given clearance by this CTO direction are returning New Zealand dairy product.

The nature of the non-compliance with the requirements in the applicable import health standard is that the original New Zealand seal was replaced at port in China with a Chinese seal for transport back to New Zealand.

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

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

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