



Ref: CTO 2014 080 [1]

Fibre: Pelleted

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of pelleted wool fibre.

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 wool fibre that has been pelleted to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard *Scoured and carded specified animal fibre from all countries* [FIBSCOIC.ALL]:

The import health standard requires that wool is subject to the following treatments:

- 1) Aqueous scouring at 60-70°C; and
- 2) Heat treatment (i.e. dyeing, washing at 75°C for at least 1 minute, or drying at 70°C for at least 2 minutes); and
- 3) Removal of seeds and plant material (i.e. carding and then combing, carding using a crushing roller, or acid carbonising).

The nature of the non-compliance with the requirements in the applicable import health standard is that the product Slug Gone does not meet Part D of the standard, i.e. the wool is not scoured and carded as outlined above and is not accompanied by a veterinary certificate from the United Kingdom Veterinary Authority (DEFRA). Rather, raw wool is separated and fed into a machine which pellets and felts the wool. During this process, the wool is subject to elevated pressure and temperature (80°C for 10 minutes). The combined pressure and temperature conditions mitigate the risks associated with this wool product with the exception of anthrax.

Anthrax has not been reported per the OIE World Animal Health Information Database in 2013 and 2014 for the UK. Although a veterinary certificate would normally be required to attest to anthrax freedom, DEFRA is unable to certify a product that has already been exported from their country.

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.