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Manufacturer's Declaration for Processed Chicken Egg Products from Australia

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to processed chicken egg products from Australia according to the approved Department of Agriculture and Water Resources of Australia manufacturer's declaration

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Howard Pharo, Deputy Chief Technical Officer at the Ministry for Primary Industries, give the following directions for processed chicken egg products from Australia in relation to the *IHS Egg Products (EGGPRODS.GEN)*, 23 January 2018 and as proposed by the Australia DAWR in a country specific manufacturer's declaration:

Clause 2.2(4)(a) of the IHS EGGPRODS.GEN states: The eggs used to manufacture the product were from chickens (*Gallus gallus*) and were inspected by the manufacturer prior to being broken and found to be intact, free from dirt, blood, faecal contamination and other foreign matter.

I direct that the following measures set out in the DAWR manufacturer's declaration, different from those in 2.2(4)(a) may be applied to effectively manage risks:

- The shells of the eggs were thoroughly cleaned to ensure all traces of faecal contamination were removed prior to shell cracking; and
- The products comply with Australia's standards for the hygienic processing of egg products. The egg products have been tested and comply with the microbiological standards of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code, and no evidence of faecal contamination (in the form of coliform organisms) has been found.

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