



Ref: CTO 2014 102 [G]

Petfood: *Sardinus pilchardus* as petfood

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of *Sardinus pilchardus* as petfood

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 direction for *Sardinus pilchardus* to be given clearance in accordance with the assessment of equivalence to the Import Health Standard for the Importation into New Zealand of Marine Fish for Petfood From All Countries (*PETFISIC.ALL*; 12 November 1999):

The nature of the non-compliance is that the consignment (Reference: Non-Compliance Report pertaining to BACC Consignment No. C2014/234234) comprising frozen *Sardinus pilchardus* originating from Australia and intended for petfood manufacture arrived in New Zealand despite being ineligible for importation as this fish species has a freshwater lifecycle.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and will be effectively managed. Based on historic advice from the Risk Team, *Sardinus pilchardus* sourced from Australia and intended for petfood manufacture has been determined as being equivalent in biosecurity risk to marine fish species, which are allowed under the above import health standard.

The equivalence assessment will be passed on to border staff based on which a decision to clear the consignment can be made.

The equivalence decision will also be recorded on applicable import permits.

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