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Inedible Collagen/Protein Products: Not commercially packaged

**CTO direction as to equivalent measure in relation to highly processed inedible collagen/protein products that are not commercially packaged**

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993, I, Vicki Melville, Manager, Animal Trade, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following direction for clearance of highly processed inedible collagen/protein products that are not commercially packaged that is different from that included in the *Import Health Standard for the Importation into New Zealand of Specified Animal Products and Biologicals* (INEPROIC.ALL; 08 June 2011).

Clause 6.25 of the above Import Health Standard requires highly processed inedible collagen/protein products to be commercially packaged to be eligible for biosecurity clearance.

The reason for this direction is that the biosecurity risk associated with highly processed inedible collagen/protein products that are not commercially packaged will be assessed through permit system and managed effectively. For the commodity to be eligible for biosecurity clearance under the permit system they must be accompanied by documentary evidence showing that they have been gamma irradiated at Steritech in Australia at a minimum dose rate of 15 kGy. This dose rate is more than the D10 of 2.3 kGy required to effectively manage anthrax spores. Further, it will be specified in the permit that the end use of the commodity is for laboratory evaluation, which must not involve microbial culture.

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