Ref: CTO 2014 123 [G] **Plasma from the European Union**

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of plasma from the EU

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Marnie Thomas, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for plasma of bovine, ovine, equine, caprine, cervine, or porcine origin to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard for cattle, sheep, goat, deer, and pig by-products derived from Category 3 material only, for pharmaceutical use, technical use or use in pet food from the European Community *INERMLIC.EEC* (11 October 2004).

The IHS applies to products with Annex A assigned number (AN) 23.1 which is the designation for other by-products for technical and pharmaceutical use in the EU/NZ Agreement. Processed blood and blood products (excluding serum from equidae) for pharmaceutical or technical use are allocated AN 16. As plasma from the EU is derived from a Category 3 material regulated under Regulation (EC) 1774/2002, MPI regards plasma derived from category 3 materials regardless of assigned number as being equivalent and eligible for importation.

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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