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Salmon: Head-on Norwegian Salmon Processed in Philippines

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of head-on Norwegian salmon processed in Philippines

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 head-on Norwegian salmon processed in Philippines to be given clearance in accordance with the assessment of equivalence to the the *Import Health Standard for Animal Products that have undergone Third Country Processing (ANIPROIC.ALL; 27 September 2011)* and the *Import Health Standard for the Importation into New Zealand of Salmonids for Human Consumption from Specified Countries (FISSALIC.SPE; 28 June 2004)*:

The nature of the non-compliance is that the consignment of salmon products from Philippines (Reference: Non-Compliance Report pertaining to BACC Consignment No. C2014/296315) used head-on salmon from Norway as opposed to head-off salmon as required under the above two import health standards.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and will be effectively managed. The head-on salmon from Norway has been processed in Philippines to make commercially packaged salmon products for direct retail sale.

The equivalence assessment will be passed on to border staff based on which a decision to clear the held consignment can be made. While the importer has assured MPI that it will use head-off Norwegian salmon from now on, there are some non-compliant consignments that are in transit and will therefore have to be cleared by border under this CTO direction.

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