



Ref: CTO 2015 032 [G]

Fish Bait: Lobster Bait for Use in Pigs

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of lobster baits for use in pigs

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 directions for the lobster bait to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the *Import Health Standard for Fish Food and Fish Bait from All Countries* (FISFOIC.ALL;2 December 2011):

The nature of the non-compliance with the requirements in the applicable health standard is that the product will be utilised for an end-use different from what is in the standard: it will be used to attract pigs instead of baiting lobsters.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and are managed effectively. The fish ingredients in the product – herring meal and herring fish oil – are manufactured by a rendering process that results in the ingredients being exposed to disc temperature of 340°F/171°C for 30 – 40 minutes. In addition, during the manufacture of the finished bait, all the ingredients are subjected to a temperature of 140°F/60°C for 60 to 90 minutes. These temperatures are sufficient to inactivate *Renibacterium salmoninarum*, the organism of concern to New Zealand.