



Ref: CTO 2014 098 [B]

Fish: Salmonids (Private Consignments)

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of private consignment of salmonids

Replaces CTO Direction: CTO 2013 025

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 private consignments of salmonids to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable *Import Health Standard for the Importation into New Zealand of Salmonids for Human Consumption from Specified Countries (SHC)* (FISSALIC.SPE, 28 June 2004):

Clause 6: Eligibility

Clause 6.2 (iii) has been amended to "*the consignment must comprise headed, gilled and gutted fish*" from "*the consignment must comprise headed, gilled and gutted fish commercially packaged for direct retail sale.*"

Clause 6.2(iv) has been amended to "*the consignment must not comprise more than 20 kg net weight of fish*" from "*the consignment must not comprise more than 10 kg net weight of fish.*"

The nature of the non-compliance with the requirements in the applicable import health standard is that (a) some of the imported salmon may not be commercially packaged to meet the direct retail sale criterion, and (b) the 10 kg limit is often exceeded.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and will be effectively managed. It has been assessed that 20 kg of headed, gilled and gutted salmon brought in per consignment for personal consumption will not generate enough waste to be a potential biosecurity risk to the salmon industry in the country.

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