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Pork: Consumer Ready Cuts Packaging

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of consumer ready cuts of pork.

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Howard Pharo, Deputy Chief Technical Officer, Ministry for Primary Industries, give the following directions in relation to the clearance of consumer ready cuts of pork being imported under any of the following import health standards:

Pig meat and pig meat products for human consumption from Canada and/or the United States of America [MEAPORIC.NAM dated 18 March 2011];

Pig meat and pig meat products for human consumption from the European Union [MEAPORIC.EU dated 18 March 2011];

Pig meat and pig meat products for human consumption from the Sonora State of Mexico [MEAPORIC.MEX dated 18 March 2011].

All of these import health standards provide that consumer ready cuts of pork are eligible for clearance if the pork:

- 1) is not minced;
- 2) does not contain head and neck tissue;
- 3) does not exceed 3 kg per package;
- 4) does not contain specified lymph nodes and macroscopic lymphatic tissue;
- 5) is packaged for direct retail sale.

I direct that the following measure in relation to packaging of the goods, different to that set out in the applicable import health standard, which requires packaging for direct retail sale, may be applied to consumer ready cuts of pork to effectively manage risks.

Consumer ready cuts of pork may be unpackaged if the pork is subject to post-clearance conditions that it must be further processed (minced and partially cooked) and then packaged (not exceeding 3 kg per package) at a MPI approved transitional facility registered under the Standard for General Transitional Facilities for Uncleared Goods Annex F (MPI-STD-TFGEN Annex F) in accordance with a Direction to Biosecurity Inspectors dated 14 October 2014.

The biosecurity risks associated with these goods have been assessed and are managed effectively by the equivalent measures approved.

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