



Ref: CTO 2015 046[G]

Lab Animal Feed: Uncooked Dehydrated Diets

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of uncooked dehydrated diets for lab animals

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 uncooked dehydrated laboratory animal feed to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the *Import Health Standard for Shelf-stable Petfoods Containing Animal Products (PETFODIC.ALL; 3 November 2014)*:

The nature of the non-compliance with the requirements in the applicable health standard is that the US-manufactured lab animal diets do not comply with Clause 7.4(i) or 7.6(i): they have not been prepared by the process of baking or by extrusion.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and are managed effectively. The diets will be fed to laboratory rodents only that will be kept in an MPI-approved transitional facility, and the unused feed and all waste will be destroyed within the facility by autoclaving. The biosecurity risks that could have occurred due to the lack of diet being uncooked are therefore mitigated.