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Ruminant Meat: Australian and New Zealand Origin Meat Refused Entry by USA and Canada

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to ruminant meat of Australian and New Zealand origin refused entry by the USA and Canada.

Replaces CTO Direction: CTO 2015 085 [1]

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 consignments of frozen ruminant meat of Australian and New Zealand-origin refused entry by the Competent Authorities of the USA and Canada in relation to the following Import Health Standards:

- For New Zealand-origin Ruminant Meat: Import Health Standard: Returned New Zealand Animal Products (ANIPRODS.ALL; 26 April 2017)
- For Australian-origin Ruminant Meat: Import Health Standard for the Importation into New Zealand of Cattle/Deer/Goat/Sheep Meat and Meat Products for Human Consumption from Australia (MEABDSIC.AUS; 23 May 2000)

The reasons for refusing entry of the Australian and New Zealand-origin ruminant meat into the USA and Canada are:

- Label defects
- Processing defects
- Carton damage during transit.

The above do not create any biosecurity risk to New Zealand if consignments are allowed entry here.

Australian-origin meat that are refused entry by the US and Canadian authorities are deemed equivalent to Australian-origin meat that can be directly imported into New Zealand from Australia under MEABDSIC.AUS IHS, provided they are able to meet the traceability criteria outlined below.

The traceability of the refused consignments will need to be supported by the following documents:

- The original export certification or certified copies thereof (these will be checked by Verification Services before the ruminant meat is processed for human and animal consumption);
- The bill(s) of lading;
- Riders with shipping marks and refused entry notification details;

The frozen ruminant meat cartons will be directed to an importer-nominated Transitional Facility approved to MPI-STD-ANIPRODS (Transitional Facilities for Animal Products), where the meat will be processed in accordance with the TF Operating Manual for human consumption and petfood for the domestic market.

The reason for this direction is that the biosecurity risks associated with this commodity have been assessed and are managed effectively. Each import application will be assessed and refused consignments allowed to be imported through the permit system.

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