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Petfood: Frozen Kangaroo Bones

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to frozen kangaroo bones

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 frozen kangaroo bones in relation to the *Import Health Standard for the Importation into New Zealand of Frozen Raw Kangaroo Meat for Pet Food from Australia (FODKANIC.AUS;31 March 2000)*:

From a biosecurity risk perspective, frozen kangaroo bones intended for animal consumption has been determined to be equivalent to frozen raw kangaroo meat. Each consignment of frozen kangaroo bones must be accompanied by Australia Department of Agriculture and Water Resources' *Declaration and Certificate for Shipments of Inedible Animal Products (Other than Skins, Hides and Wool)* stating the following:

- The product is of Australian origin.
- The product originates from a government licensed establishment that processes animal for human consumption, and that operates under government supervision.
- The product is derived from animals which were subjected to post mortem inspection.
- The product is suitable for use in animal foods according to Australian regulations.

Kangaroo bones are what is left after deboning of the kangaroo meat. While the above IHS does not define meat, the *Import Health Standard for Shelf-stable Petfood containing Animal Products (PETFODIC.ALL)* define this term to mean "*Skeletal muscle of vertebrate animal species (e.g. avian, amphibian, fish, mammalian, and reptilian) with naturally included or adherent tissue or bone.*" The kangaroo bones are deemed not to present any greater biosecurity risk than the kangaroo meat.

The reason for this direction is that the biosecurity risks associated with this commodity have been assessed and are managed effectively.

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