



Ref: CTO 2017 029 [B]
Petfood: Cuttlefish Bones

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to cuttlefish 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 cuttlefish bone in relation to the *Import Health Standard for Shelf-stable Petfoods Containing Animal Products (PETFODIC.ALL; 3 November 2014)*:

Imported cuttlefish bones have, for many years, been cleared at the border even though there is no Import Health Standard for this product. Cuttlefish (*Sepia* spp.) is a marine aquatic species, and while the *Import Health Standard for the Importation into New Zealand of Marine Fish for Petfood from All Countries (PETFISIC.ALL)* allow products derived from marine aquatic species to be imported its scope is restricted to products intended for feeding only to dogs and cats. This means imported cuttlefish bones, which are intended for feeding to caged birds, cannot be cleared under PETFISIC.ALL.

From a biosecurity risk perspective, cuttlefish bones present no greater risk than dried sardines that can be imported under Clause 7.8 of PETFODIC.ALL. They may therefore be given clearance under PETFODIC.ALL as this Import Health Standard allows petfood to be imported for feeding to aviary birds (Clause 2.2).

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.