



Submission to the Ministry for Primary Industries

Proposed Import Health Standard: Returned New Zealand Animal Products

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1. Seafood New Zealand Limited welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposed import health standard for returned New Zealand animal products.
2. Seafood New Zealand is a professional organisation delivering industry-good services for the wider benefit of the seafood industry. Seafood New Zealand plays a leading role in developing and presenting the seafood industry's response on legislative and regulatory proposals affecting the industry.
3. We are supportive of the proposed import health standard but offer the following minor comments, to ensure clarity.
4. Clause 2.2 (2) deals with the situation where the returned sea container has been transhipped and therefore doesn't have its original MPI seal intact. It requires a combination of documents as described in the previous clause 2.2(1) to demonstrate traceability of the consignment to MPI.
5. Our concern is that this infers that there must be a combination of documents provided in this situation, where the intent of the clause is to ensure there is enough information provided so that MPI can be confident of the traceability of the consignment.
6. We propose that clause 2.2 (2) be reworded to ensure the intent of the clause is not misinterpreted, i.e

'Returned sea containers without intact, original MPI container seals that have been transhipped must be accompanied by documentation described in clause 2.2(1) that demonstrate to the satisfaction of MPI the traceability of the consignment.'

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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