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OVS Note/2015/41

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NEW ZEALAND EQUIVALENCE AGREEMENT

Purpose

1. To advise you that [Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2015/1901](#) laying down certification rules and a model health certificates for imports into the EU of live animals and animal products from New Zealand and repealing Decision 2003/56/EC was published 22 October.

Background

2. The above Decision should be read in conjunction with [Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2015/1084](#) which amends Annexes II, V, VII and VII to the Agreement and was published on 4 July.
3. Where equivalence has been recorded in Annex V as 'Yes (1)', consignments must be accompanied by the model health certificate provided for in Annex I of Decision (EU) 2015/1901.
4. Where applicable the health certificate must be supplemented by the additional attestations described in Article 2 of Decision (EU) 2015/1901. Those conditions are set out in Annex II of that Decision and in Annex V to the Agreement and set out in Decision (EU) 2015/1084.
5. Where equivalence has not been established certification requirements set out in the relevant Union legislation applies.



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6. Where no harmonised EU importation requirements for certain live animals and animals products have been agreed, national legislation will apply.
7. The health certificate issued in accordance with the model referred to in paragraph 3 above may be issued after departure of the consignment from New Zealand where provision is made in Chapter 27 of Annex V of the Agreement. The certificate must include a reference to the appropriate Eligibility Document (ED) and its date of issuance. All of the relevant documentation/information must be presented to the BIP of arrival.
8. For a transitional period until 31 May 2016, consignments of live animals and animal products accompanied by health certificates provided for in Decision 2003/56/EC can continue to be imported into the EU provided they were issued no later than 1 May 2016.

Action for OVSS

9. To note the above information.

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