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To whom it may concern

NEW ZEALAND'S FREEDOM FROM SPECIFIED ANIMAL DISEASES

As New Zealand's Director Post-Clearance I confirm that New Zealand is free of the following specified animal diseases, none of which has ever occurred in New Zealand.

- foot and mouth disease
- rinderpest
- lumpy skin disease
- swine vesicular disease
- African swine fever
- blue tongue
- African horse sickness
- highly pathogenic avian influenza
- Rift Valley fever
- vesicular stomatitis
- bovine spongiform encephalopathy
- chronic wasting disease
- peste des petits ruminants
- sheep pox/goat pox
- rabies
- glanders
- Brucella melitensis
- New Zealand has been free from
- Brucella abortus since 1989
- anthrax since 1954
- scrapie since 1954
- hog cholera/classical swine fever since 1953
- contagious bovine pleuropneumonia since 1864

New Zealand has never experienced an outbreak of Newcastle disease. An asymptomatic enteric strain of avian paramyxovirus type 1 (APMV-1), with an intracerebral pathogenicity index (ICPI) of 0.00-0.16, is endemic in this country.

New Zealand has a legislation prohibiting the feeding of ruminant material to ruminants; this legislation has been in place since 2000.

Yours sincerely

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