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New Zealand (Emergency) Food Standard 1999

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Section 11M of the Food Act 1981

The New Zealand (Emergency) Food Standard 1999 was issued by Dr Karen O. Poutassi, Director-General of Health on 14 June 1999.

Copies of the New Zealand (Emergency) Food Standard 1999 are available at no charge from the Ministry of Health, 133 Molesworth Street, P.O. Box 5013, Wellington. Facsimile: (04) 496 2340.

The New Zealand (Emergency) Food Standard 1999 came into force on 14 June 1999.

Explanatory Note:

This Emergency Standard relates to food containing any pork, poultry, beef, dairy fat or egg, suspected of being contaminated with dioxin and imported from Belgium, the Netherlands or France. A batch of Belgium animal and vegetable oils contaminated with dioxin and added to pellet mixtures has been fed to stock within Belgium, France and the Netherlands since 15 January 1999.

While this standard is in force, all food containing pork, poultry, beef, dairy fat or egg, imported from Belgium, Netherlands and France will be monitored until the Ministry of Health is confident that the matter has been completely resolved. This action is being taken as a prudent public health measure.

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