OVERSEAS SCOURING

2011 Application

- In 2011, Godfrey Hirst investigated scouring in China as an alternative to New 1 Zealand. We investigated around 15 scours that we could find including all of those contained in Cavaliers applications¹. We did not receive a single response from any of the Chinese scours we tried to contact.
- We established that most of the scours we could find in China were specialist fine 2 wool scours and not interested in processing New Zealand coarse crossbred wool.
- 3 NZWSI in 2011 stating that they were not interested in processing New Zealand

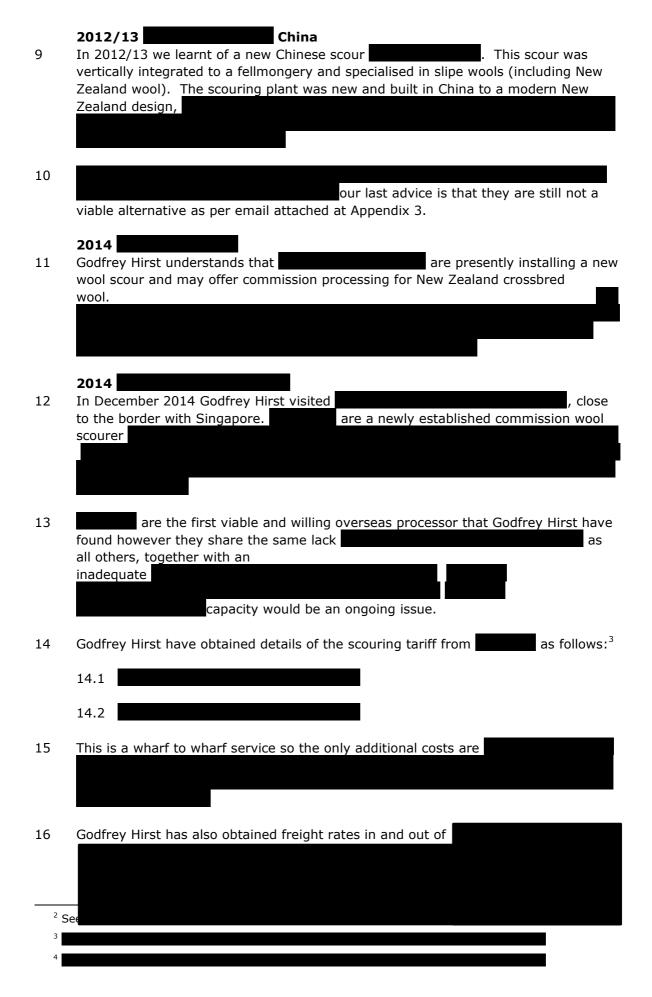


Godfrey Hirst has recently learned that many smaller scours in China have been

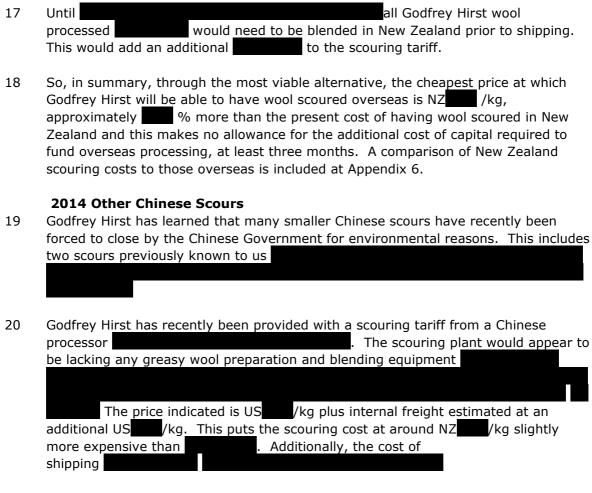
closed by the Chinese government for environmental reasons.

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¹ The scours which are listed in the Cavalier Application, and the reasons why these are not seen as viable options for Godfrey Hirst are included at Appendix 1. Supporting documents are Appendices A-G.



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Other Barriers to Processing Off-Shore

- Godfrey Hirst has identified that Biosecurity presents another barrier to overseas scouring as a viable alternative to processing in New Zealand.
- Any scoured wool returned to New Zealand would require an import permit, manufacturers declaration and a Veterinary Certificate from a suitably qualified person. The import permit and manufacturers declaration are not too problematic however, the veterinary certificate could require and independent qualified person to supervise the processing and packing and cost an additional several cents per kg. Investigations into this are ongoing.
- Additionally, New Zealand wool scoured off-shore and returned for further processing would be treated the same as foreign fibre and subject to restrictions to any movement within New Zealand until it was either dyed or carded. Processing would only be able to be undertaken in licenced transitional facilities and all waste including packaging requiring either incineration or deep burial. This again adds a new level of administration and cost not previously considered but effectively further limiting off-shore processing as a viable alternative to processing within New Zealand.

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