



Ref: CTO 2015 080 [G]

Horses: Endo- and Ectoparasite Treatment

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of horses

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Marnie Thomas, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for horses to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard for horses *HORANIIC.GEN* (22 May 2014):

2.6 Ectoparasites

- (1) The horses must be treated twice: first immediately on entry into PEI; and second in the 48 hours prior to export. The product(s) used must be highly effective against ectoparasites and applied as described in the manufacturer's instructions.

2.7 Endoparasites

- (1) The horses must be treated twice: first immediately on entry into PEI; and second in the 48 hours prior to export. The product used must be a highly effective broad spectrum endoparasiticide and administered as described in the manufacturer's instructions.

If due to unforeseen circumstances such as delayed flights, pre-export isolation has to be extended where the endo- and ectoparasite treatments had already been performed, these treatments can be extended. Endo- and ectoparasite treatments can be performed up to 96 hours prior to export, provided the horses have been kept under quarantine circumstances at all times.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and are managed effectively.

This direction takes effect from the date of signing and continues in effect until amended or revoked.