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Horse Semen: EVA Testing

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of equine semen

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 equine semen from the EU to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard for equine semen from the European Union, *EQUSEMIC.EU* (1 August 2007):

Clause 4.2.3.1: Donor stallions seropositive to Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA) were tested during the 12 months prior to collection of the semen for export to New Zealand and were found not to be semen carriers. Virus isolation on cell culture was carried out on the sperm rich fraction of two separate semen samples with negative results.

Where only one negative result of virus isolation performed prior to semen collection is available, a second negative result of a test carried out on semen collected in the 6 months after collection of the semen for export to New Zealand is acceptable to determine the stallion was not a semen carrier of EVA at time of collection.

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.