Ref: CTO 2016 009 [B] Zoo: Marsupials and Monotremes

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of zoo marsupials and monotremes from Australia

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Vicki Melville, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for marsupials and monotremes zoo animals to be directed into containment in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standards: Zoo Marsupials and Monotremes (zoomamon.aus).

Clause 9 of the veterinary certificate requires that each animal was treated with a product recommended by current literature as being effective against nematodes, cestodes, and trematodes, twice during the pre-export isolation (PEI) period, with an interval of not less than 14 days.

This CTO direction will allow that marsupials and monotremes may be treated only once against trematodes during PEI. Treatment against nematodes and cestodes must still be done twice with an interval of not less than 14 days.

This decision is in line with the current risk analysis.

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