



Ref: CTO 2016 015 [1]

Horses: 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, Vicki Melville, 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* (06 Nov 2015):

Clause 14 of the certificate of health to accompany horses from Australia requires that the horses were treated for ectoparasites within 48 hours of export. The product(s) must be registered for use against ectoparasites and applied as described in the manufacturer's instructions.

In addition to the treatment the health certificate requires that the horses were thoroughly examined within 48 hours prior to export by a registered veterinarian and there was no evidence of tick infection.

This CTOd allows that where the ectoparasite treatment has been performed, timing of treatment can be performed up to 8 days prior to export, provided the horses have been subjected to an additional tick inspection prior to export. This is necessary because an ectoparasite treatment overdose has delayed the export date of these horses.

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.