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Dogs
Commodity: Semen from Dogs

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of semen from dogs stored in straws that are not labelled with the donor microchip number

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Lucy Johnston, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for semen from dogs that is stored in straws that are not labelled with the microchip number of the donor dog, to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard: Import Health Standard for Semen from Dogs (DOGSEMEN.GEN):

Equivalence to IHS clause 1.8 (8), 'All straws and containers must be sealed and clearly and permanently marked with the donor's microchip number and date of collection', is based on the following:

- Evidence of microchip implantation prior to any testing, treatment, examination and collection of semen (for export) is supplied to the satisfaction of MPI prior to shipment, and
- The straws containing semen for export were indelibly marked in a manner that clearly links the donor dog to the semen in the straw.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with the risks associated with semen from dogs have been assessed and are managed effectively.

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