



Ref: CTO 2016 065 [B] [G]

Commodity Name: Rabbits from Australia:

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of rabbits from Australia

Replaces CTO direction: 2014 009

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 rabbits from Australia to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard [Rabbits from Australia RABDOMIC.AUS dated 3 April 1998]:

- 1) Veterinary Certificate Clause 2:
 - a. A statement is required that there have been no reported cases in Australia of:
 - i. European brown hare syndrome, and
 - ii. tularemia in domestic animals.
- 2) Import Health Standard clause 6.1: On arrival in New Zealand the consignment will be examined by an Inspector.

Post-arrival insecticidal dusting is not required.

Pre-export external parasite treatment using a product suitable for use in rabbits, and pre and post-arrival inspection is required; the risk is mitigated without the possible toxic effects of over-treating or using outdated treatments.

- 3) Veterinary Certificate Clause 4.2: The animals have been treated for fleas using a product suitable for use in rabbits.

Pre and post-arrival inspections mitigate the risk of ticks.

This is a historic equivalence due to limited information available on products that are effective against ticks and safe to use in rabbits.

- 4) Import Health Standard clause 6.3: Is not required. In the case of sickness or death, this is covered by clause 6.4 (below).