



**Ref: CTO 2016 076 [G]**

Deer Semen: Non-UK Origin Donor

### **CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to deer semen**

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 deer semen from non-UK origin donor in relation to the import health standard [CERSEMIC.UK]:

#### Part IV

c.i. MPI accepts the DEFRA's assessment of equivalence of another tuberculosis health scheme within the EU.

c.ii. "within 6 months prior to entry into isolation of the donor animals and teasers, all cervine animals in the herd of origin over 6 months of age were subjected to..." can be replaced with the following requirement, which is considered to equivalently manage the risk: All donors tested negative for bovine tuberculosis in another EU member state before entering isolation in the UK.

c.ii, a.ii. and e. MPI accepts DEFRA's review of farm/herd of origin records originating from elsewhere in the EU.

g. MPI accepts as equivalent a negative result from a comparative intradermal test carried out 3 months after collection, instead of during isolation.

#### Part VI

a-d. MPI accepts DEFRA's confirmation that the same freedoms applied for the periods of time indicated in each of the clauses, while the donors were in another EU member state.

MPI considers that EU member states would provide an accurate account of the health status and test results to the UK. MPI also considers that DEFRA's assessment of those records would be performed in the same manner as they would if the farm of origin were in the UK.

The reason for this direction is that the biosecurity risks associated with this commodity have been assessed and are managed effectively.

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