



Ref: CTO 2017 007 [B]      Sheep Semen and Embryos: Canada Veterinary Certification Amendment

**CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors relating to the clearance of semen and embryos from sheep from Canada according to the approved Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) veterinary certificates**

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Lucy Johnston, give the following direction for sheep semen and embryos from Canada relating to whether to give clearance in accordance with the amended veterinary certificate from the Canada's CFIA. The amended veterinary certificates contains the following measure, different from the applicable IHS: *Semen and Embryos from Sheep and Goats* OVCAGERM.GEN (22 June 2015):

**Enzootic abortion of ewes (EAE)**

The semen and embryo certificates (clauses 36 and 35 respectively) indicate that the EAE CFT test must yield negative results. After consultation with AHL in Wallaceville, it was concluded that a negative test can be interpreted in accordance with the OIE recommendations, which indicate that a negative test is one which yields a negative result at 1/32 dilution.



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The semen and embryo certificates have been amended to indicate "... with negative results **as per the OIE recommendation...**"

I consider the proposed amended certificates, with a clause different to that in the IHS, sets measures that effectively manage the risks.

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.