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Zoo: Primates Ectoparasites

### CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to zoo primates.

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 direction for zoo primates to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable *Import Health Standards for zoo primates from Australia, Canada, the European Union, USA and Singapore (ZOOPRIIC.SPE)*:

Clause 9 of the veterinary certificate requires that prior to housing the primates, the premises were thoroughly cleaned with a high pressure hose followed by steam cleaning and spraying with an acaricide. Bedding used was clean and free of evidence of contamination with ticks and weeds/weed seeds. Straw, grass and hay were not used. Bedding was removed every 7 days and the premises thoroughly cleaned and sprayed with an acaricide.

Equivalence is granted for not spraying the premises every 7 days based on the following:

- the premises were sprayed with an acaricide prior to housing the primate
- no bedding was put into the enclosure since the primate entered the premise
- two topical acaricide treatments were applied to the primate following treatment of the enclosure
- the primate was subjected to a thorough inspection for external parasites

The above measures are thought to manage the risk of ectoparasites entering New Zealand.

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