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Bovine Germplasm: Q Fever On-shore Testing

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of bovine germplasm which tests negative to Q fever in New Zealand.

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Angela Snell, Senior Adviser, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for bovine germplasm which tests negative to Q fever in New Zealand to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standards (Importing Bovine Embryos from Approved Countries and Importing Bovine Semen from Approved Countries, 27 June 2011).

This CTO allows any approved country to send germplasm to New Zealand which is not compliant with the Q fever requirements of the IHS. Q fever PCR¹ testing will be done at Investigation and Diagnostic Centres (IDC). A sample of germplasm from each non-compliant germplasm collection must be tested for Q fever with IDC's validated PCR test, with negative results.

The following information is provided on the permit to facilitate testing in New Zealand:

A sample of this consignment will be tested at the IDC lab in Wallaceville because part of the consignment fails to satisfy the Q fever requirement of the import health standard for bovine germplasm.

After target evaluators review all documents and confirm that it otherwise meets the standard, the tank may be directed to UTi Limited in Hamilton (or another transitional facility registered to hold risk goods) with a BACC. At the transitional facility the straws which are not compliant with the Q fever requirements will be identified under MPI supervision and one straw from each non-compliant date of collection will be removed for transfer to IDC in Wallaceville (with a lab submission form and transfer request form).

Compliant germplasm from the same tank may be cleared before the IDC result is received; however, the non-compliant germplasm will only be eligible for clearance upon receiving negative Q fever results.

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

Signed at Wellington this 10th day of October 2013.

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(Acting under delegated authority)

¹ Please note the negotiated veterinary certificates for the EU, USA, Aus, Norway and Canada do not provide the option for PCR testing