



Ref: CTO 2013 043

Horse semen from Australia: laboratory tests

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of horse semen.

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Cathy Dyer, senior adviser, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for horse semen to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable Import Health Standard for Horse Semen from Australia (horsemic.aus).

Equivalence is given for clause 5.7 of Veterinary Certificate A, for laboratory tests conducted at the Animal Health Diagnostic Centre, Cornell University, and the Department of Veterinary Science, University of Kentucky, USA.

Section 5.7 states that “all testing was conducted at a laboratory approved by the Veterinary Administration of Australia to conduct export testing”. This equivalence has been granted previously to allow horses to meet the EVA requirements based on tests from university veterinary laboratories in the USA, which will equally manage the risk for EVA.

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

Signed at Wellington this 24th day of September 2013.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cathy Dyer".

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Senior Advisor, Animal Imports
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(Acting under delegated authority)