



Ref: CTO 2013 044

Animal germplasm: different species transported together

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of transport containers with germplasm from two or more animal species.

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 animal germplasm to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standards:

Where the IHS stipulates requirements regarding transport of germplasm of different species being shipped in one container, this CTO indicates that germplasm of different species can be combined in one tank if all germplasm has been certified in the exporting country for import into New Zealand. Collection according to the OIE Code is not relevant for all species and is only required when stipulated by the IHS for that species. Therefore, any germplasm is eligible for consolidation with germplasm of another species as long as it meets NZ import requirements.

When multiple consignments travel together, the risk exists that a single non-compliant consignment will prohibit the release of the other compliant consignments. Importers will be advised of this risk via email and/or on the import permit.

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

Signed at Wellington this 23rd day of September 2013.