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Horses: Testing and Vaccination of Foals

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to horses

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Lucy Johnston, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for horses in relation to the *Import Health Standard: Horses (HORANIIC.GEN)*:

Horses must meet the vaccination and testing requirements for equine influenza (EI) and equine viral arteritis (EVA) as per the IHS. Foals that are less than 6 months can have maternal immunity that interferes with serologic testing and vaccination for these diseases. Foals and their dams can be considered as a unit for import into New Zealand. If foals <6 months of age are accompanied by their dams who have met all the testing and vaccination requirements of the IHS, the foals are not required to be vaccinated for EI, and are not required to be vaccinated or tested for EVA.

The reason for this direction is that the biosecurity risks associated with this commodity have been assessed and are managed effectively.

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