



Ref: CTO 2013 089

Zoo Tasmanian devils: Endoparasite treatment

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of zoo Tasmanian devils.

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 directions for zoo Tasmanian devils to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard Zoo Tasmanian devils from Australia (ZOOTASDE.AUS):

Clause (5) a) of the veterinary certificate requires that each Tasmanian devil was treated twice with an endoparasiticide efficacious against nematodes, cestodes and trematodes during the PEI period, with an interval of not less than 14 days.

This CTO direction will allow that treatment with praziquantel (effective against cestodes) was given twice with at least a 10 day interval. In addition the Tasmanian devils tested negative when 3 faecal tests 5-7 days apart were carried out as specified by the Department of the Environment requirements for internal parasites.

The combined treatments and tests effectively manage biosecurity risk.

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

Signed at Wellington this 26 day of November