



Ref: CTO 2014 067 [G]

Zoo: Tarantulas

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of zoo tarantulas.

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 tarantulas to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard Zoo Tarantulas (zootaric.all):

Clause 7.2 requires that only tarantulas originating from a government registered/licensed zoo are eligible for importation.

This CTO direction will allow that the tarantulas originate from Gaia Biological in the UK. The veterinary certificate will reflect this origin. Gaia Biological in the UK is considered an equivalent source of zoo tarantulas due to their high standard health certificates.

Clause 10.1-10.4 requires that upon arrival in New Zealand an Official Veterinarian/ Inspector must inspect the containers containing the tarantulas and the accompanying documentation.

Providing that the documentation meets all requirements noted under part d: zoosanitary certification and the consignment meets the conditions of eligibility, an Inspector under section 25 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, may give a biosecurity direction authorising the tarantula to be moved to the transitional and containment facility named in the permit to import.

Any containers which are not intact on arrival must be made secure before consignment to the containment facility. Any material which has leaked from the container must be destroyed at the port of entry.

The containers containing the tarantulas are to be sealed with seals approved by the Ministry of Agriculture at the port of arrival.

This CTO direction will allow that on arrival of the consignment an inspector will check the package is secure, and authorise movement of the animals to the containment facility on the permit. Documentation will be checked at the containment facility.

Clause 11.1 requires that the seals must be inspected by the supervising veterinarian before the containers are opened and the tarantulas placed in the containment facility under his/her supervision

This CTO direction will allow the spiders to be unpacked in the presence of a biosecurity inspector.

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

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

Standards

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