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Zoo: Felidae faecal testing and age requirement

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of zoo Felidae

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 felids to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard for zoo Felidae from specified countries (zoofelic.all):

This CTO direction will allow that the felids do not require two faecal examinations within 30 days of shipment and that the felids may be 8 months old at the date of export.

Clause 5.1 requires that within 30 days of the scheduled date of shipment the felids are subjected to two faecal examinations, at least 14 days apart, using a sensitive flotation procedure (able to detect 50 eggs per gram) which was negative for hookworm eggs.

The risks, that imported cats may pose in regards to introducing endoparasites was examined in the 2009 Import risk analysis for cats, dogs and canine semen.

No faecal examinations are needed as the risk is covered by treating the animals twice with a broadspectrum anthelmintic at least 14 days apart. This is consistent with the import health standard for importing cats and dogs.

Clause 1.3 of the veterinary certificate requires each felid to be more than 9 months old at the date of export. Because Denmark is defined by the OIE international Animal Health Code as rabies free, the age requirement for rabies free countries applies (as defined in the cat and dog standard). Thus the caracals may be 8 months old at the date of shipment.

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