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Horses: Residency in the Conghua Equine Disease Free Zone

**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)*, 6 November 2015.

Clause 1.6 (Exporting country systems) requires that any disease zoning arrangements must be to the satisfaction of the CTO prior to their use.

The Conghua equine disease free zone (EDFZ) located in Guangzhou, China was officially approved by MPI and recognises the EDFZ as equivalent in health status to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). Horses that have resided in the Conghua EDFZ can use the time spent there to meet residency requirements for export from the HKSAR.

A letter must be supplied by the Hong Kong Jockey Club stating which horses have resided at the Conghua Racecourse in the 180 day period prior to shipment. This letter must be endorsed by an official veterinary officer of the Hong Kong Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department.

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.