



Ref: CTO 2014 105 [B]

Veterinary Certification for Horses from Australia

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors relating to the clearance of horses from Australia according to the approved Australian Department of Agriculture veterinary certificate

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Matthew Stone, Chief Technical Officer, Ministry for Primary Industries, give the following directions for horses from Australia to be given clearance in accordance with the approved veterinary certificate from the Australian Department of Agriculture. The approved veterinary certificate contains the following measures, different from those in clauses 2.11 and 2.15 of the applicable Import Health Standard for Horses (*HORANIIC.GEN*), issued 22 May 2014:

Clause 18: Import testing for equine infectious anemia (EIA) does not apply to horses exported from New Zealand to Australia for less than 21 days prior to re-export to New Zealand.

Clauses 19, 20 and 21: import testing for equine viral arteritis (EVA) does not apply to unweaned foals (accompanied by their negative tested dam) less than 6 months of age.

Not testing horses exported from New Zealand to Australia less than 21 days prior to re-export to New Zealand for EIA as well as not testing foals less than 6 months of age for EVA is deemed by MPI as equivalent to the requirements in *HORANIIC.GEN*. 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.