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Horses: Combined Residency

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of horses

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Marnie Thomas, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for horses from all countries to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable *Import Health Standard: Horses HORANIIC.GEN* and where still active, country-specific IHSs for horses (*HORANIIC.AUS, HORANIIC.USA, HORANIIC.CAN, HORANIIC.EU*).

The import health standards for horses have the requirement for residency in the country of export for up to six months for certain diseases. Horses that cannot meet these residency requirements are allowed entry provided they are accompanied by both the veterinary certificate from the exporting country and an MPI-approved document signed by the Official Veterinarian from the other country or countries of residence certifying the applicable disease freedom requirements and other applicable clauses to complement the veterinary certificate. All countries the horses have resided in during the six months prior to travel to New Zealand must be eligible for importing horses into New Zealand or otherwise approved by MPI.

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.