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Zoo: Lizards Addition of Lizard species to IHS

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of zoo lizards from Australia

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 lizards to be directed into containment in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard for zoo lizards from Australia (zoolizanic.aus):

Part E: Appendix A of the IHS lists the following species of zoo lizards as being eligible for importation into containment in New Zealand:

TAXONOMIC NAME	COMMON NAME
<i>Brachylophus vitiensis</i>	Fijian Crested Iguana
<i>Iguana iguana</i>	Common Iguana
<i>Phelsuma madagascariensis</i>	Madagascar Day Gecko
<i>Ophisaurus apodus</i> (syn. <i>Pseudopus apodus</i>)	Scheltopusik
<i>Trachydosaurus rugosus</i>	Shingleback
<i>Varanus varius</i>	Lace Monitor

This CTO direction will allow the following species of lizards to be eligible for importation under zoolizanic.aus:

Veiled Chameleon (*Chamaeleo calytratus*)
Bearded Dragon (*Pogona* spp; specifically *Pogona barbata* and *Pogona vitticeps*)
Komodo Dragon (*Varanus komodoensis*)
Frilled Lizard (*Chlamydosaurus kingii*)

The risks that the above species of lizards may pose, were examined in the 2008 Import risk analysis: Specified members of the Order: Squamata from government approved zoological collections in Australia. Both the Department of Conservation (DOC) and the MPI Risk Team have been consulted with regarding this change and have agreed that the biosecurity risks posed by these species have been suitably assessed in the IRA and mitigated by tests, treatments and attestations in the IHS.

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