Ref: CTO 2014 135 [G]

Zoo: Lizards Clearance Procedure

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 C clause 10 of the IHS states the following:

10 BIOSECURITY AUTHORITY

10.1 Upon arrival in New Zealand an Official Veterinarian must thoroughly inspect the zoo lizards and the documentation accompanying them. The zoo lizards must be found to be visibly free of clinical signs of disease and be free from both ectoparasites and soil contamination.

10.2 A biosecurity authority may be given by an Inspector under section 25 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 authorising the zoo lizards to move into permanent containment Import health standard for zoo lizards from Australia ZOOLIZANIC.AUS 22 October 2010 Page 7 of 14 at the zoological park named in the permit to import, providing that the documentation meets all requirements noted under PART D: ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION and the consignment meets the conditions of ELIGIBILITY.

This CTO direction will allow that the lizards and the accompanying paperwork are checked by a biosecurity officer. If the consignment meets the requirements the lizards may then be authorised into containment by the inspector.

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

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