



Ref: CTO 2015 006 [1]

**Alpacas: Microchips Replace Ear Tags**

**CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of alpacas with microchip identification instead of MPI approved ear tags when they are travelling with certified documentation for subsequent export.**

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 alpacas entering New Zealand on permit 2015055789 which have microchip identification as an alternative to ear tags to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard [Import Health Standard for the Importation into New Zealand of Alpacas and Llamas from the United States of America, CAMANIIC.USA]:

Alpacas entering New Zealand on permit 2015055789 are expected to be exported to Australia approximately 60 hours after arriving from USA. These alpacas are permitted to enter New Zealand with microchip identification as an alternative to ear tags **if all required export documentation (USA to Australia) is presented on arrival to New Zealand.**

In the following sections of the zoosanitary certificate, the word "microchip" must be substituted where it states "MAF (supplied) ear tag":

- I
- IV: 4.1, 5.15

The certifying veterinarian must initial each of these substitutions.

Microchip identification is considered adequate because these animals are destined for Australia, with the export documentation already complete.

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.