



Ref: CTO 2014 089 [B]

Veterinary Certification for Horses from Hong Kong

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of horses from Hong Kong according to the approved Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) of Hong Kong veterinary certificate

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Matthew Stone, Director Animals and Animal Products, Ministry for Primary Industries, give the following directions for horses from Hong Kong to be given clearance in accordance with the approved veterinary certificate from the AFCD of Hong Kong. The approved veterinary certificate contains the following measure, different from clause 47 regarding Old World and New World screwworm in the import health standard for live horses *HORANIIC.GEN*, issued 22 May 2014:

Clause 32 for screwworm: the horses must be treated for New World and Old World screwworm within 48 hours before entry into pre-export isolation (PEI) and again 48 hours before loading for departure.

Treatment of the horses for screwworm within 48 hours before entering PEI and treatment of the horses for ectoparasites and screwworm with the same product within 48 hours before the scheduled date of export is deemed by MPI as equivalent to the requirements in *HORANIIC.GEN*. The biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed. This is a change of an operational nature and continues to effectively manage the risk of screwworm and ectoparasites.

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