



Ref: CTO 2015 031 [1]

Horses: Japanese Encephalitis

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of two horses from Singapore

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 two horses from Singapore to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard for horses, *HORANIIC.GEN* (22 May 2014):

Clause 2.18: Japanese Encephalitis (JE)

(2) The required vaccination was administered at least 35 days prior to export.

The epidemiology of JE in general, with horses being dead-end hosts, as well as the epidemiology of JE in Singapore, with no cases reported since 1992, make the risks associated with horses imported from Singapore very low. The OIE *Code* recommends vaccination not less than 7 days prior to export; in this instance, the horses have been vaccinated 13 days prior to export. A booster vaccination will be given in post-arrival quarantine.

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 is valid only for the importation of the two horses identified on permit number 2015056311.