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Horses: Veterinary Certification for Horses from Singapore

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors relating to the clearance of Horses from Singapore according to the approved Agri-food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) of Singapore veterinary certificate

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Matthew Stone, Chief Technical Officer, Ministry for Primary Industries, give the following directions for horses from Singapore relating to whether to give clearance in accordance with the approved veterinary certificate from the Agri-food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) of Singapore. The approved veterinary certificate contains measures, different from those in the applicable *IHS: Horses (HORANIIC.GEN)* (22 May 2014).

The original certificate without equivalences was negotiated on 20 May 2014, but the nature of horse imports into Singapore has made an amendment to the existing certificate necessary. Horses are often being imported into Singapore from third countries only shortly before being re-exported to New Zealand. Hence they cannot always meet the residency requirements for the following disease clauses:

- 13: African Horse Sickness (40 days);
- 15: Borna (90 days);
- 12.b: Contagious Equine Metritis (60 days);
- 12.c: Dourine (6 months);
- 19: Equine encephalomyelitides (Eastern and Western) (90 days);
- 12.d: Equine encephalosis (40 days);
- 20: Equine infectious anemia (90 days);
- 12.e: Glanders (6 months);
- 12.f: Hendra (90 days);
- 12.h: Nipah (90 days);
- 12.i: Rabies (6 months);
- 29: Salmonellosis (90 days);
- 12.j: Surra (60 days);
- 12.k: Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis (6 months);
- 12.m: Warble fly (90 days).

To each of the clauses for these diseases on the veterinary certificate, the option to delete the residency period and substitute "or since having been imported from <insert country>" has been added. The horses have to travel to New Zealand with all previous veterinary certificates. The residency periods can only be split between countries approved for import of horses into New Zealand by MPI, as per CTO direction 2013 084 [G] (15 November 2013). The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and are managed effectively by Singapore's import requirements.

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