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Horses: Equine Influenza Vaccination

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to horses

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Lucy Johnston, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for horses in relation to the *Import Health Standard: Horses*, HORANIIC.GEN:

Clause 1.11 (1) a) of the IHS HORANIIC.GEN requires vaccinations for export to be administered not less than 35 days before export.

The nature of the non-compliance with the requirements in the applicable import health standard is that the booster vaccination will administered between 30 and 35 days prior to export. The OIE Code has recommendations for equine influenza for the importation of domestic equids which include vaccination between 21 to 90 days prior to export. Shortening the interval from 35 to 30, or even 21 days prior to export will not compromise risk management. Horses are still required to undergo a 21 day pre-export isolation with testing for agent identification and a 14 day post-arrival quarantine with further agent identification testing.

The reason for this direction is that the biosecurity risks associated with this commodity have been assessed and are managed effectively.

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

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Signed at Wellington this 3 day of August 2017

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Lucy Johnston', written in a cursive style.

Lucy Johnston
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