## Ministry for Primary Industries Manatū Ahu Matua

Ref: CTO 2016 067 [B] Veterinary Certification for Horses from the USA

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to horses from the USA according to the approved USDA APHIS veterinary certificate.

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Howard Pharo, deputy chief technical officer at the Ministry for Primary Industries, give the following direction for horses from the USA in relation to the *Import Health Standard for Horses HORANIIC.GEN* (6 November 2015).

I direct that the following measure set out in the USDA APHIS veterinary certificate, different from clause 2.19 of the IHS HORANIIC.GEN: No horses in the consignment were kept in or transited through a control area for New World screwworm (*Cochliomyia hominivorax*) in the United States as defined in the USDA New World Screwworm Myiasis Disease Response Strategy in the previous 21 days prior to export, may be applied to effectively manage risks.

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

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I, Howard Pharo, accept the USDA APHIS proposed veterinary certificate for horses provides measures that deliver an equivalent level of risk management as the requirements of the IHS HORANIIC.GEN.

I agree to issue the CTO direction 2016 067 [B], under section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act, that these measures, different to those set out in the IHS, may be applied to effectively manage the risks.

Howard Pharo

Deputy Chief Technical Officer Animal and Animal Products Regulation & Assurance Branch Ministry for Primary Industries

Date:

28/10/16