



Ref: CTO 2019 010 [G]

Bovine, Ovine, Caprine, and Equine Germplasm: Consolidation at Centres for Other Species

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to germplasm consolidation

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 germplasm in relation to the *Import Health Standards: HORSSEMB.SPE, BOVSEMIC.GEN, BOVEMID.GEN, OVCAGERM.GEN*.

Each of the above listed IHSs require that "the transport container in which the germplasm is to be transported to New Zealand must be sealed by either the embryo collection team veterinarian or an official veterinarian."

This CTO direction allows for the embryo collection team veterinarian at an approved centre for sheep, goats, cattle, or horses to consolidate germplasm with one of the other species and apply a new seal on the tank for shipping to New Zealand.

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.