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Equine Semen: CEM Testing

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to equine semen

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Vicki Melville, Manager Animal Trade, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for equine semen in relation to the *Import Health Standard: Semen and Embryos from Horses (Equidae), HORSSEMB.SPE*.

The IHS HORSSEMB.SPE requires donors to meet the OIE Code recommendations for CEM. To meet this requirement donors must be subjected to a test with negative results twice with a 4-7 day interval during the 30 days prior to the collection period.

The donor "Bjennesby Kevin" was tested twice with a 7 day interval, but both tests were not completed in 30 days prior to the collection period. The second test was collected 1 day after the first collection and was negative. Although the second test was performed one day after the beginning of the collection period, the second negative result post-collection confirms the negative status of the donor and does not represent a risk.

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.