



Ref: CTO 2014 092 [G]

Horses: Travel Distance Between PEI and Port of Embarkation

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of horses from the USA.

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Marnie Thomas, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for live horses from the USA to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable *Import Health Standard for Horses from the USA (HORANIIC.USA)*:

Clause 6.3: The pre-export isolation premises must be at least equivalent to the requirements of the *NZMAF Standard for the approval of pre-export isolation premises for livestock*, dated 31 January 2006. This standard states in clause 2: "The premises must be within 240 km of the port of embarkation and must be conveniently located for supervision by an official veterinarian".

Equivalence is granted for allowing the distance from pre-export isolation to the port of embarkation to be extended, with the horses resting in a government-approved facility prior to export. This equivalence is of an operational nature and considered beneficial to the horses' welfare. The government approval of the resting facility ensures compliance with New Zealand quarantine requirements.

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

This equivalence assessment will be recorded on applicable import permits.

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