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## **ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2001/03**

### **QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF ZOO BOVIDAE FROM THE USA AND NEW ZEALAND**

#### **SUSPENSION OF CONDITIONS**

This Animal Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (ABPM) advises the suspension of quarantine requirements for the importation of zoo bovidae from the USA and New Zealand.

Quarantine requirements for the importation of zoo bovidae from the USA and New Zealand were adopted in 1994 and 1991 respectively, have not been revised since adoption. A routine import risk analysis (IRA) for zoo bovidae has commenced and will assess the risk of importation from all countries (as advised in AQPM 1998/13). Biosecurity Australia has decided to suspend the existing conditions until the IRA is finalised and resultant quarantine requirements adopted.

The decision to suspend the existing conditions is based on the following:

- . IRAs for disease risks associated with ruminant genetic material from South America, North America and Europe have been recently completed. Risk management measures in the conditions for the importation of zoo bovidae from USA and New Zealand are inconsistent with those in recently adopted conditions
- . risk management measures for some diseases (eg. Johne's disease, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis and bovine tuberculosis) are inconsistent with those in current conditions for the importation of domestic cattle, sheep and buffalo.

Work on the zoo bovidae IRA has recently recommenced. It had been placed 'on hold' so that resources could be redirected to other IRAs, some of which have now been completed. A draft IRA report for public comment is expected by the end of the year. Finalisation of the zoo bovidae IRA will lead to conditions consistent with current conditions for similar commodities which in turn are based on the findings of a formal risk analysis.

Please pass this circular to other interested parties whom you may know of, and who should advise Biosecurity Australia if they wish to be included in future communications on this matter. All inquiries should be directed to the officer whose contact details appear below.

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