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ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2001/24

IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS: HIDES AND SKINS

DRAFT REPORT

This Animal Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (ABPM) provides stakeholders with the draft report on the import risk analysis (IRA) of hides and skins. Comments should be provided by 2 November 2001.

Animal Biosecurity is conducting a routine IRA of hides and skins. Because of other higher priority activities, work on the IRA has been intermittent.

The draft report evaluates all relevant diseases and proposes risk management strategies. Different risk management measures are proposed depending on the species of origin, country of origin and level of processing. The report incorporates other earlier reviews covering rawhide artefacts, game trophies (ie taxidermy specimens) and legislative requirements for hides and skins.

Next Steps

Your comments on the draft IRA and draft quarantine requirements are invited. Animal Biosecurity will take account of stakeholder comments in finalising the IRA.

Your response by 2 November 2001 would be appreciated.

We would be grateful if you would pass details of this notice to other interested parties, who should advise the contact officer if they wish to be included in future communications on this matter. Inquiries should be directed to the officer whose contact details appear below.

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