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ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2001/33

IMPORTATION OF GIRAFFE SEMEN FROM NEW ZEALAND

DECISION ON QUARANTINE CONDITIONS

This Animal Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (ABPM) provides final quarantine requirements for the importation of giraffe semen from New Zealand (Attachment A). The conditions come into effect on 3 December 2001.

Animal Biosecurity proposed draft quarantine requirements for the importation of giraffe semen from New Zealand in ABPM 2001/18 of 30 July 2001. Five stakeholders provided comments (a summary of comments and Animal Biosecurity's response is at Attachment B).

Animal Biosecurity has considered the comments and in section 1.2 has replaced 'accredited' with 'approved' with reference to the status of veterinarians.

Other conditions were amended to ensure that they are practical and enforceable, and consistent with other quarantine and export certification requirements. The wording in Section 2.3 has been altered by replacing the phrase "bovine tuberculosis has not been reported for at least 5 years" with "bovine tuberculosis has not been reported during the previous 5 years". This change will facilitate export certification.

Section 3.3 has been deleted, that is:

"The semen may only be used to inseminate giraffe held in AQIS quarantine approved premises. Any giraffe inseminated with imported semen must remain in quarantine or under quarantine surveillance unless or until released from quarantine control by AQIS."

Other current animal quarantine policy for semen collected from ruminant livestock imported from New Zealand does not impose post-arrival restrictions. Deletion of this section for giraffe semen is therefore consistent with other related policy. For at least the past 5 years New Zealand has only imported giraffe from Australia so deletion of this measure does not compromise biosecurity. In this regard, New Zealand's import policy on giraffe and their genetic material will be kept under review.

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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Next steps

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Comment on draft conditions for the importation of giraffe semen from New Zealand: ABPM
2001/18 of 30 July 2001

Stakeholder Comment	Animal Biosecurity response
Queried the requirement for the <i>Approved veterinarian</i> to be ‘accredited’. NZ MAF can approve veterinarians for this purpose but do not provide ‘accreditation’ in this situation.	In section 1.2, “accredited” has been replaced by “approved”.
The draft conditions are endorsed. Agree that a formal import risk analysis process is not necessary.	Noted: no action required.
The draft conditions are supported.	Noted: no action required.
The draft conditions are suitable.	Noted: no action required.
No comment.	Noted: no action required.