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ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2002/30

BOVINE, OVINE AND CAPRINE SEMEN FROM THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS

RELEASE OF TECHNICAL ISSUES PAPER

This Animal Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (ABPM) provides stakeholders with the Technical Issues Paper (Attachment A) for the Import Risk Analysis (IRA) of bovine, ovine and caprine semen from the Republic of South Africa, for consideration and comment. Comments are due by 8 August 2002.

ABPM 2001/35 advised stakeholders of the commencement of the IRA and sought public comments on the proposed scope of the IRA, the indicative timetable and the IRA team. Stakeholders who responded agreed with the proposals. An appeal opportunity was subsequently provided on the determination by the Executive Manager of Biosecurity Australia on these matters. No appeals were received.

The next step is the release of the Technical Issues Paper (attached). The paper is intended to promote discussion and comment on the main pest and disease risk issues. It identifies 22 hazardous disease agents and parasites to be considered further in the IRA. It does not discuss risk management issues, as this will be addressed in the next consultation step, the draft IRA paper. Animal Biosecurity will take into account stakeholder comments on the Technical Issues Paper as it develops the draft IRA report. The IRA will consider recent scientific developments, including changes to the OIE Code Chapter and developments in treatments and testing for those diseases of quarantine concern.

Next Steps

I would appreciate receiving your comments, supported by scientific references, if available, by 8 August 2002. Animal Biosecurity will consider all technical comments received and these will be taken into account in preparing the draft IRA report.

Confidentiality

Respondents are advised that, subject to the Freedom of Information Act 1982 and the Privacy Act 1988, all submissions received in response to Animal Biosecurity Policy Memoranda will be publicly available. Comments may be listed or referred to in any papers or reports prepared on the subject matter of the Memoranda.

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The contents of the submission will not be treated as confidential unless they are marked 'confidential' and they are capable of being classified as such in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

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