



**STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT POLICY REVIEW OF THE BIOSECURITY RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPORTATION OF PENGUINS FROM NEW ZEALAND (BAPM 2008/01) AND BIOSECURITY AUSTRALIA’S RESPONSES**

Comments were received from:

- the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service
- Department of Health and Ageing
- Department of Primary Industries and Water, Tasmania

**The Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service’s submission**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Biosecurity Australia’s response</b>
<b>Chlorination of waste water</b>	
In the Background document, under 1.11 the third point states, “All waste water (except sewer water) will be capable of being chlorinated as directed by AQIS before discharge to waste”. As all water is capable of being chlorinated, does this paragraph mean to say “The facility must be capable of chlorinating all waste water (except sewer water) as directed by AQIS before discharge to waste”?	The final policy review has been amended to incorporate the suggested wording.
<b>Exclusion of <i>Mycoplasma synoviae</i></b>	
No reason is given for excluding the organism, <i>M. synoviae</i> from the risk assessment. Under the section 2.4, the chapter on Risk Assessment states “None of these disease agents is present in New Zealand except <i>M. synoviae</i> , and it is proposed that the penguins be tested for IBD, AI and ND prior to export”.	The final policy review has been amended to state: "None of these disease agents is present in New Zealand except <i>M. synoviae</i> , and there is no scientific evidence that exotic strains of <i>M. synoviae</i> are more virulent than the endemic Australian strains" and "It is proposed that the penguins be tested for IBD, AI and ND prior to export".

**The Department of Health and Ageing’s submission**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Biosecurity Australia’s response</b>
Nil return.	None required.

**The Department of Primary Industries and Water, Tasmania’s submission**

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Nil return.	None required.