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BIOSECURITY AUSTRALIA ADVICE 2011/21
DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR MANAGING THE RISK OF TRANSMITTING
TRANSMISSIBLE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHIES (TSEs) VIA VETERINARY
VACCINES AND OTHER *IN VIVO* VETERINARY PRODUCTS

This Biosecurity Australia Advice (BAA) invites stakeholders to provide comments on the *Draft guidelines for managing the risk of transmitting transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) via veterinary vaccines and other in vivo veterinary products* by 9 January 2012.

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has updated its 2005 review of Australia's biosecurity requirements for veterinary vaccines, other veterinary therapeutics and *in vivo* veterinary products in relation to transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs).

The draft review complements, and should be read in conjunction with, the current version of the following documents:

- *Australian quarantine policy and requirements for the importation of live and novel veterinary bulk and finished vaccines (1999)*
- *Specific quarantine requirements for the importation of inactivated veterinary vaccines (1997).*

Comments on the draft review should be submitted by 9 January 2012 to:

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The draft review is available via the Department's website www.daff.gov.au/ba.

All submissions received on the draft review will be carefully considered by Animal Biosecurity in finalising the review.

Please pass this notice to other interested parties. If those parties wish to be included in future communications on this matter they should contact Animal Biosecurity.

Confidentiality

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

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reveal the identity of a respondent unless a request for anonymity accompanies the submission. Where a request for anonymity does not accompany the submission the respondent will be taken to have consented to the disclosure of his or her identity for the purposes of Information Privacy Principle 11 of the Privacy Act. The contents of the submission will only be treated as confidential if they are marked 'confidential' and they can be classified as such in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. Cupit', is positioned above the printed name.

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