



**Ref: CTO 2017 041 [G]**

Horse Semen and Embryos: Equine Infectious Anaemia Testing

**CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to *horse semen and embryos from Australia*.**

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Lucy Johnston, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for horse semen and embryos from Australia in relation to the *Import Health Standard: Semen and Embryos from Horses (Equidae)*:

The Australian veterinary certificates for semen and embryos that were negotiated under the *IHS: Semen and Embryos from Horses (Equidae)* requires testing for equine infectious anaemia virus (EIAv) to occur not less than 30 days prior to collection with negative results.

The risk option presented in the *Import Risk Analysis: Equine germplasm from Australia, Canada, the European Union and the USA* may be applied: Donors are subjected to an AGID test or ELISA for EIAv antibody not less than 21 days after entry into the collection centre with a negative result.

The reason for this direction is that the biosecurity risks associated with this commodity have been assessed and are managed effectively.

This direction takes effect from the date of signing and continues in effect until amended or revoked.