



Ref: CTO 2018 040 [1]

Bovine semen consignment from Australia

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to a bovine semen consignment 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 bovine semen consignment to be imported under the import permit number 2018068549, in relation to the *Import Health Standard: Import Health Standard For Bovine Semen* (bovsemid.gen) published on 27 June 2011.

IHS Requirement:

“20. All straws must be sealed, and clearly and permanently marked to identify the donor and the date(s) of collection. If a code is used for this information, its decipher must accompany the consignment. The marking should, in accordance with the OIE Code, conform to the international standards of the International Committee for Animal Recording (ICAR; www.icar.org)”.

In this consignment semen straws from one bull (ACEJ232) has been incorrectly labelled with regards to the date of semen collection.

The Australian government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, the Australian Competent Authority certifying bovine germplasm has given written affirmation that the semen was collected on 12 March 2018. Based on this official confirmation of the date of semen collection, the from the donor bull ACEJ232 can be released into New Zealand.

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.