



Ref: CTO 2015 057 [G]

Zoo: Antelope

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of zoo antelope

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Vicki Melville, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for zoo antelopes to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standards for zoo antelope from Singapore (zooantic.sin), Australia (zooantic.aus), Canada (zooantic.can) USA (zooantic.usa) and South Africa (zooantic.saf):

1. The import health standards require weekly PEI inspections by the official veterinarian.

This CTO direction will allow the PEI inspections to be conducted by registered zoo veterinarians. The final inspection within 24 hours prior to leaving the pre-export isolation must be done by the official veterinarian.

2. This CTO direction will allow that Bluetongue requirements are not required based on recent risk analyses.

3. The veterinary certificate requires the antelopes to be tested for bovine tuberculosis on two occasions with an interval of 13 to 33 days between the tests using the following protocol:

Test 1:

The hair in an area of 100mm X 100mm at the mid cervical site was shaved clean and injected intradermally with 0.1 ml of 1mg/ml (50,000IU/ml) PPD Bovine tuberculin. Blood samples were collected for the Bovigam and BTB serological tests. 72 hours later, each mid cervical injection site was observed for any evidence of a swelling reaction.

Test 2:

13 to 33 days after Test 1, blood samples were taken for repeat Bovigam and BTB serological tests:

This CTO direction will allow for the bongos to be subjected to a gamma interferon test instead of the Bovigam and BTB serological tests

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