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Bovine Semen: Centre Inspection

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of bovine semen from USA

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Marnie Thomas, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for bovine semen from Rocky Mountain Sire Services, collected between September 2014 and July 2015, to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in *Import Health Standard for Bovine Semen* [bovsemid.gen, USA veterinary certificate].

Point 3 of the veterinary certificate (point 13 of the IHS) indicates that:
The semen collection centres must be subject to regular inspection by an Official Veterinarian.

Equivalence to point 3 is granted after APHIS confirmed the following:
The CSS centre is approved and has been throughout the period of collection; and
The centre appropriately requested inspections; and
APHIS indicates that the CSS inspections during the period of collection provide an equivalent level of biosecurity assurance as an APHIS inspection; and
The centre provided their most recent audit report and provided satisfactory explanation to MPI's points of concern; and
APHIS conducted an inspection prior to shipment of the semen, and had no concerns regarding the semen satisfying MPI's requirements; and
The semen for export had been stored for less than 1 year prior to the APHIS inspection.

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

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