



Ref: CTO 2015 063[G]

Zoo: Antelope Various

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of zoo antelope

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 zoo antelopes to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the *Import Health Standard for Zoo Antelope from Australia (ZOOANTIC.AUS; 15 December 2004)*:

The nature of the non-compliance with the requirements in the applicable health standard is that the antelopes were tested for *Babesia bovis* and *Babesia bigemina* using ELISA Test instead of Indirect Fluorescent Antibody Test, which is the test required under Clause 3.1.3 of IHS's Veterinary Certificate.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and are managed effectively. The Biosecurity Science and Risk Assessment Team (Animals and Aquatic) has advised that the negative ELISA test results conducted in Australia would be equivalent to the results of IFA test results.

The Risk Team also advised that biosecurity risks will be further mitigated since the antelope will be in quarantine and be receiving ecto-parasiticide treatment and New Zealand does not have the main arthropod vector for these protozoan parasites. The animals will also be confined to a zoo, meaning there will be no risk to domestic cattle.

This direction takes effect from the date of signing and continues in effect until its revocation.