

Ref: CTO 2015 069 [G]

**Zoo Animals: CFT Equivalent to IFA Testing for Babesia****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 following import health standards:

- *Import Health Standard for Zoo Antelope from Australia (ZOOANTIC.AUS; 15 December 2004)*
- *Import Health Standard for Zoo Antelope from Singapore (ZOOANTIC.SIN; 24 May 2006)*
- *Import Health Standard for Zoo Antelope from South Africa (ZOOANTIC.SAF; 15 December 2004)*
- *Import Health Standard for Zoo Antelope from the USA (ZOOANTIC.USA; 15 December 2004)*

The import health standards require testing for *Babesia bovis* and *B. bigemina* in zoo antelopes using Indirect Fluorescent Antibody Test.

This CTO Direction allows testing for *Babesia bovis* and *B. bigemina* in zoo antelopes using Complement Fixation Test (CFT).

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 testing for *Babesia bovis* and *B. bigemina* in zoo animals results obtained through CFT can be accepted and deemed equivalent to Indirect Fluorescent Antibody Test.

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