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Dog Semen: Old Veterinary Certificates Used

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of dog semen

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 dog semen to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable Import Health Standard for Semen from Dogs (*Canis familiaris*) (DOGSEMEN.GEN):

Dog semen may be cleared when previous veterinary certificates from approved countries are presented on arrival that include the same tests, treatments and declarations required by the IHS for Dog Semen (*Canis familiaris*); or where any requirements that are not met are verified prior to clearance.

The Animal Imports team will inform the competent authority of the exporting country that the new certificate must be used and a deadline for use of the old certificate may be applied if deemed necessary.

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

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