



Ref: CTO 2016 064 [G]  
Horses: EIA Testing

### CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of horses.

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 the horses from Australia to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard *Import Health Standard Horses* (HORANIIC.GEN, 6 November 2015):

#### *Equine infectious anaemia (EIA)*

2.11 (3) *Samples for testing were collected in pre-export isolation or in the 21 30 days prior to export if PEI is not required.*

When EIA samples are collected in the 21 days prior to planned export, as per the IHS requirement and the export is delayed for reasons beyond the exporters' control, the maximum number of days between EIA sample collection and export can be increased to 30 days. Testing performed on samples taken up to 30 days prior to export follows the OIE *Code* recommendations for EIA. An extension to the time period as recommended by the OIE *Code* is not considered to increase the risk associated with this disease.

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.