Ref: CTO 2016 073 [G]

Zoo Primates: Long Acting Acaricide

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to zoo primates.

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993, Vicki Melville, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for zoo primates in relation to the import health standard Zoo Primates from Australia, Canada, the European Union, USA and Singapore (zoopriic.spe):

Clause 9 of the veterinary certificate requires that prior to housing the primates, the premises were thoroughly cleaned with a high pressure hose followed by steam cleaning and spraying with an acaricide. Bedding was removed every 7 days and the premises thoroughly cleaned and sprayed with acaricide.

This CTO direction will allow that the premises were sprayed once prior to housing the primates with a long acting acaricide (at least the duration of PEI) instead of every 7 days.

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

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

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