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Zoo: Various Animals Seals On Crates

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of various zoo animals:

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 animals to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standards for:

Zoo primates from Australia, Canada, the European Union and the United States of America (zoopriic.spe)

Zoo antelope from South Africa (zooantic.saf)

Zoo antelope from Australia (zooantic.aus)

Zoo antelope from Canada (zooantic.can)

Zoo antelope from Singapore to New Zealand (zooantic.sin)

Zoo antelope from the USA (zooantic.usa)

Zoo felidae from specified countries (zoofelic.all)

Zoo giraffe from Australia (zoogiric.aus)

Slender tailed meerkat (zoomeeic.all)

Zoo rodents from Australia, the European Union and the United States of America (zoorodic.spe)

Equivalence is given for the requirement for seals on crates provided the animal's identification is confirmed by microchip verification.

This change is justified on the basis that the requirement for seals was put in place before microchip verification was required. Risk Analysis has stated that they do not consider that seals are required for biosecurity reasons, and seals are not required for any other imported animals.

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

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