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Zoo: Elephant Semen

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to semen from zoo Asian elephants.

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 direction for semen from zoo Asian elephants to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable *Import Health Standards for Semen from Zoo Asian Elephants (ELESEMEN.SPE)*:

Clause 7 of the veterinary certificate requires all products of animal origin used in collection, processing and storage of the semen to be sterile preparations or to be screened for adventitious viruses with negative results.

Equivalence is granted for egg yolks not sterilized or tested to be used as semen extender. This decision was based on the import health standard for the importation into New Zealand of Horse Semen from Australia. "All products of animal origin, other than egg yolk, used in the collection, processing and storage of the horse semen were certified as either sterile preparations or as having been screened for adventitious viruses, including tests for cytopathology in appropriate cell cultures, for haemagglutinating and haemadsorbent viruses, and for pestiviruses by immunoperoxidase or immunofluorescence techniques, with negative results in each case"

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