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Animal germplasm

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of domestic animal germplasm which has been stored in a third country before being imported into New Zealand

Pursuant to section 27 (1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Marnie Thomas, Animal Imports Team Manager, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give direction for germplasm stored in a third country (a country other than the country of origin) to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable species specific import health standards:

- The consignment of germplasm must be accompanied by a veterinary certificate (a current version) certified by the country of origin to export to New Zealand, or a letter from the country of origin's Competent Authority indicating that the germplasm meets New Zealand's import requirements.

The certificate/letter from the country of origin ensures the risk organisms of concern are managed.

- The third country (where the germplasm has been stored) must be a country approved to export germplasm to New Zealand. The germplasm must be accompanied by a declaration from the Competent Authority of the third country linking the germplasm from the country of origin to the germplasm being exported to New Zealand and confirming that the germplasm has been stored as required by the IHS, at a facility approved by the Competent Authority of the third country. This declaration must also provide details of the germplasm origin, destination, storage and transport.

The declaration from the third country ensures that there would be no contamination with other risk organisms whilst the germplasm is stored in that country.

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

Signed at Wellington this 22nd day of August 2013.