Ministry for Primary Industries Manatū Ahu Matua

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Horses: One day extension to EIA testing

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of horses tested for equine infectious anemia 22 days before export.

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Angela Snell, Senior Adviser, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for horses tested for EIA 22 days before export to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard [horaniic.gen, horaniic.aus, horaniic.can, horaniic.eu, horaniic.hk, horaniic.jpn, horaniic.usa]:

This direction allows for the EIA test to be contucted up to 22 days before export. The EIA test results must be negative and obtained using either the agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID) test or ELISA. Any other EIA requirements within the individual standards must be met.

This direction was created for horse imports which are delayed for reasons beyond the exporters' control and a one day extension is not considered to increase the risk associated with this disease.

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

Signed at Wellington this 2 day of October. 2013.

Ministry for Primary Industries (Acting under delegated authority)