



Ref: CTO 2013 051

Bovine: Q fever extension

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of bovine germplasm.

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 bovine germplasm which has been tested for Q fever up to 123 days after collection to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standardsⁱ:

A three-day extension of the Q fever test window, from 120 days to 123 days, is provided by this direction to accommodate for errors in calculating the number of days post collection. No additional risk is posed by this extension since 120 days is based upon human studies indicating the time it takes for the antibody level to drop below detectable levels and the time for this to occur (if it occurs) in cattle is unknown.

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

Signed at Wellington this 4th day of October 2013.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Angela Snell' followed by a stylized 'DVM'.

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ⁱ Applicable import health standards:

1. Import Health Standard for Bovine Semen (BOVSEMID.GEN) 27 Jun 2011
2. Import Health Standard for Bovine Embryos (BOVEMID.GEN) 27 June 2011