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Horses: Stallion EVA Vaccination

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to stallions

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Lucy Johnston, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for stallions in relation to the *Import Health Standard: Horses (HORANIIC.GEN)*:

Vaccinations required for import of horses into New Zealand must be administered not less than 35 days before export (for adequate immunity prior to entering PEI), except where Venezuelan equine encephalitis (VEE) and African horse sickness (AHS) vaccines are required.

A request has been made to allow booster vaccination of stallions to take place 28 days prior to export because of semen collection scheduling. There is no scientifically justifiable reason not to re-vaccinate stallions against EVA 28 days prior to export. Shortening the interval from 35 to 28 days prior to export will not compromise a stallion's response to re-vaccination or leave it less than optimally protected against this disease.

The reason for this direction is that the biosecurity risks associated with this commodity have been assessed and are managed effectively.

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