



Ref: CTO 2017 066 [1]

Zoo: Otters PEI

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of zoo oriental small clawed otters

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 directions for zoo oriental small clawed otters to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable *Import Health Standard for Zoo Oriental Small Clawed Otters from Australia into New Zealand (zoottic.aus)*:

This CTO direction will allow for the otter destined for import to New Zealand (named on the import permit) to be housed with 2 other otters during the pre-export isolation (PEI) period for welfare reasons. All 3 otters in PEI will meet clauses 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.9 and 6.10 of the veterinary certificate. However only the otter destined for import to New Zealand will be required to meet clause 6.4 (heartworm testing) and 6.8 (faecal culture for *Salmonellae* and *Yersinia ruckeri*).

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