



**Ref: CTO 2016 062 [B]**

Horse semen: Veterinary Certificates A & B for Australia

**CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of horse semen from Australia**

Replaces CTO direction(s): 2013 091

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 multiple entries of horse semen from Australia for the breeding season to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different to those in the applicable *Import Health Standard Semen and Embryos from Horses (Equidae)* HORSSEMB.SPE:

Veterinary certificates A & B have been updated following veterinary certificate negotiation for horse semen from Australia.

Semen consignments from approved stallions may be given biosecurity clearance for the breeding season. A permit to import will be issued listing the exporter's approved stallions. Certified copies of the following documents must accompany the consignment:

- Permit to import;
- Zoosanitary certificate;
- Negotiated Veterinary Certificate A, and
- Veterinary Certificate B

The permit to import will be issued based on documentation that a donor stallion has met all of the requirements for the current breeding season, certified by the Australian Department of Agriculture and Water Resources and to the satisfaction of MPI.

**NEGOTIATED VETERINARY CERTIFICATE A**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ being the registered veterinarian supervising the collection of horse semen for export, certify, with respect to the consignment identified in this zoosanitary certificate, that:

1. The semen collection centre and donor stallions on the semen collection centre comply with all requirements of the "Import Health Standard: Semen and Embryos from Horses (Equidae)" dated 3 December 2015.
2. The donor stallions have been approved for export of fresh horse semen to New Zealand for the \_\_\_\_\_ breeding season.

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3. There has been no movement of horses on to, or off, the SCC since the donor stallions were approved for export.
4. There have been no clinical cases of equine infectious anaemia (EIA), equine viral arteritis (EVA) or equine herpesvirus-1 (EHV-1) on the SCC or the premises of origin of the donor stallions during the period (EIA – 3 months, EVA – 28 days, EHV-1 – 21 days) immediately prior to semen collection.
5. No animals on the collection centre showed any clinical evidence of infectious or contagious disease on the day of semen collection.
6. An effective combination of antibiotics was added to the semen after final dilution:  
Antibiotics used: \_\_\_\_\_
7. The semen was collected and processed in accordance with the current recommendations of the OIE Code.
8. The semen was stored only with other semen eligible for export to New Zealand.
9. The semen was placed in new (disposable or permanent) transport containers.

**NEGOTIATED VETERINARY CERTIFICATE B**

I, Dr XXXXXXXX, an Official Veterinarian of the Australian Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, certify, with respect to the horse semen identified in the attached zoosanitary certificate, that:

1. The veterinarian whose signature appears on Veterinary Certificate A is a registered veterinarian in Australia.
2. The centre is under the overall supervision of the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, which is responsible for routine visits to check the health and welfare of animals, and the procedures and prescribed records at the centre at least every 12 months to ensure that New Zealand's import requirements are being met in accordance with this import health standard.
3. Prior to export, the container in which the horse semen is to be transported was sealed using an official seal of the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources bearing the following unique mark or identification number: Seal number:

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

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