



Ref: CTO 2014 009 [G]

Rabbits: Australia

### CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of rabbits from Australia

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Marnie Thomas, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for rabbits from Australia to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard [Import Health Standard for the Importation of Domestic Rabbits into New Zealand from Australia (RABDOMIC.AUS)]:

- 1) Veterinary Certificate Clause 2: A statement is required that there have been no reported cases of European brown hare syndrome in Australia.

This is a historic equivalence which has been granted because there is no active surveillance for freedom from this disease.

- 2) Import Health Standard clause 6.1: On arrival in New Zealand the consignment will be examined by an Inspector.

Post-arrival insecticidal dusting is not required.

Pre-export external parasite treatment using a product suitable for use in rabbits, and pre and post-arrival inspection is required; the risk is mitigated without the possible toxic effects of over-treating or using outdated treatments.

- 3) Veterinary Certificate Clause 4.2: The animals have been treated for fleas using a product suitable for use in rabbits.

Pre and post-arrival inspections mitigate the risk of ticks.

This is a historic equivalence due to limited information available on products that are effective against ticks and safe to use in rabbits.

- 4) Import Health Standard clause 6.3: Is not required. In the case of sickness or death, this is covered by clause 6.4 (below).

- 5) Import Health Standard clause 6.4: In the event of any sickness or death occurring during this period the importer is to immediately advise the MPI hotline 0800 80 99 66.

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.

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