



Ref: CTO 2014052 [G]

Bovine Semen(USA): Bluetongue 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, Vicki Melville, Team Manager, Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for bovine germplasm which has been tested for Bluetongue no less than 20 days after collection to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable Import Health Standard for Bovine Semen (BOVSEMID.GEN 2011):

A one-day extension of the Bluetongue test (clause 35), from 21 -60 days to 20 -60 days, is provided by this direction to accommodate for errors in calculating the number of days post collection. The addition of 1 day is not considered to significantly change the risks or health status of the animal if it gives a negative test result.

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