



Ref: CTO 2014 054 [G]

Goats: Ear Tags Applied in PEI

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of goats 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 goats from Australia to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard (IHS) for importing goats from Australia [GOAANIIC.AUS]:

7.1 Pre-export isolation (PEI) may not start until the MPI supplied ear tags have been applied to the goats.

In case the MPI ear tags arrive in Australia after the animals have entered PEI due to circumstances outside the importer's control, the time in PEI will commence from the date all animals in the consignment entered PEI rather than from the date the MPI ear tags were applied. According to the IHS, all relevant tests for Blue Tongue Virus, *salmonellae*, *Mycoplasma agalactiae*, Q fever and endoparasites must be done at least 7 days after entry of the animals into PEI and this is still possible with the MPI ear tags identifying the animals. Testing must not commence until the MPI ear tags are in place.

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.