Ref: CTO 2014 066 [1]

Zoo: Ruffed Lemurs Pre Export Isolation

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of zoo ruffed lemurs.

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 lemurs to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard Zoo Primates from Australia, Canada, the European Union, USA and Singapore (zoopriic.spe):

Clause 8 and 9 of the veterinary certificate require that the animals were held for a minimum of 30 days prior to export in quarantine premises with an impervious floor and smooth painted walls isolated of other animals not of equivalent health status.

This CTO direction will allow that the lemurs destined for export may be held for only 7 days prior to export in quarantine premises with an impervious floor and smooth painted walls. For the first 23 days of the pre export isolation the lemurs, all of equivalent health status, will be housed in an enclosure that is serviced daily and will be steam cleaned, disinfected and treated with an acaricide immediately prior to the arrival of the animals in the enclosure. The lemurs must undergo an additional tick inspection within 7 days prior to export.

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.