



Ref: CTO 2014 075 [1]

Horse “Joy And Fun”: Short Stay in the United Arab Emirates

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of the horse “Joy and Fun” (H014).

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 the horse “Joy and Fun” to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard for the importation of horses from Hong Kong (HORANIIC.HK):

Clause 1.3: The horses have been continuously resident in Hong Kong for at least 6 months prior to export to New Zealand.

This horse had a short stay in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from 20/03/2014 until 01/04/2014. An export certificate was issued for the horse returning to Hong Kong from the UAE. Comparison of the requirements on this certificate with the New Zealand requirements in HORANIIC.HK revealed that the horse could not meet the premise freedom claims of 3 months for salmonellosis (*Salmonella abortus equi*) and equine herpesvirus 1 (EHV-1) and of 12 months for Borna disease and warble fly.

The Competent Authority of the UAE has provided a separate certificate of freedom for these diseases. The horse is allowed entry into New Zealand provided it travels with the export certificate from the UAE to Hong Kong and the letter from the UAE Official Veterinarian as well as the certificate for entry into New Zealand from Hong Kong.

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 will be valid for the entry of “Joy and Fun” (H018) on the 8th of June 2014 only.