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Zoo Giraffe: Post Arrival Quarantine

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to zoo giraffes.

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993, Vicki Melville, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for zoo giraffes in relation to the Import Health Standard of Giraffe (Giraffa camelopardalis) from Australia for Zoological Gardens (ZOOGIRIC.AUS):

Clause 12.2 requires that the animal must have spent 30 days, or longer if required by the Director of Animal Biosecurity, in Post Arrival Quarantine (PAQ) in New Zealand.

Equivalence is granted for the giraffe to remain in PAQ for 3 days only, based on the following:

- -the animal destined for export has spent 30 days in Pre-Export Isolation (PEI) at the exporting zoo.
- -ectoparasite risk has been mitigated by clauses 6 and 7 of the import health standard. This is in line with more recent zoo import health standards.

Clause 12.3.2 requires that during PAQ faecal samples must be taken from the animal and submitted to the National Centre for Disease Investigation (NCDI) for parasitological examination.

Equivalence is granted for the giraffe not to undergo faecal testing on arrival. This is an outdated requirement. Endoparasite risk is managed offshore (clause 6.2 and 6.3).

The reason for this direction is that the biosecurity risks associated with this commodity 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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