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Zoo: Lizards Ectoparasite Inspection

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of zoo lizards from Australia

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 lizards to be directed into containment in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard for zoo lizards from Australia (zoolizanic.aus):

Clause 4.4.3 of the veterinary certificate requires the following:
Effectiveness of ectoparasite removal was confirmed by:

i. For lizards other than varanids:

two inspections (including the examination of skin folds and the cloaca of each animal), at least 14 days apart, with the first of those two inspections being at least 14 days after completion of the treatment regime, with negative results for ticks and mites.

ii. For varanids:

two inspections, at least 14 days apart, with the first of those two inspections being at least 14 days after completion of the treatment regime, with negative results for ticks.

This CTO direction will allow that where an assessment is made and recorded on the permit, the first ectoparasite inspection may be done 13 days after the treatment regime.

Inspecting the lizards 13 days after treatment instead of 14 days after treatment is not considered to increase the risk. A second inspection must be done at least 14 days after.

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