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Zoo Primates: Tick and seed mitigation during PEI and transportation

**CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to Official Veterinarian certification in zoo veterinary certificates for zoo primates from the Netherlands**

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 primates in relation to the *Import Health Standard: Zoo Primates: PRIMATES.SPE, 12 December 2019*.

Clause 1.5 (3) and (4) of the IHS (clause (7) of the veterinary certificate) requires that bedding used in PEI was clean and free from evidence of contamination with ticks and seeds; and prior to housing the animals, the premises were thoroughly cleaned and sprayed with a long lasting acaricide. Bedding was removed every 10 days.

Clause 1.5(5) (clause (8) of the veterinary certificate) requires that feed used in PEI must be free from evidence of contamination with ticks and seeds.

Clause 1.7 (3) (clause 13 of the veterinary certificate) requires that during transport to the port of departure and during transit to New Zealand, all bedding provided will be free from evidence of contamination with ticks and seeds.

Equivalence is given for the requirement of certifying clauses in the veterinary certificate by an Official Veterinarian for the above clauses.

When an Official Veterinarian is unable to certify one or more of the clauses above in the veterinary certificate, the zoo veterinarian of the approved zoo may attest comparable clauses where MPI assesses this is appropriate. The below attestation by the zoo veterinarian is considered appropriate if combined with an additional ectoparasite inspection during post arrival quarantine in New Zealand.

With regards to the orangutan microchip number.... for export to Auckland Zoo, the veterinarian in charge of Ouwehands Zoo in the Netherlands, declares that:

- No ticks have been observed in the orangutan enclosure for a period of one year.
- The bedding used in the pre-export isolation facility for the orangutan was free from seeds and ticks.
- During the pre-export isolation period the orangutan was only given feed showing no evidence of contamination with ticks and seeds.
- During transport to the port of departure and during transit to New Zealand, all bedding (wood wool) provided will be free from evidence of contamination with ticks and seeds.

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- The orangutan was examined in the 24 hours prior to leaving the pre-export isolation premises and was free from ticks, and plant and seed contamination.

In addition to the registered veterinarian, the official veterinarian will also conduct an examination of the zoo primates prior to shipment to certify that the animals are visually free from external parasites and plant and seed contamination in line with clause (19) of the veterinary certificate.

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.