



Ref: CTO 2015 004 [G]

Zoo: Fishing Cat Haemoparasite Blood Smear

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of zoo felidae

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 felids to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard for the importation of zoo felidae from specified countries (zoofelic.all):

Clause 5.4 of the veterinary certificate requires that during the pre-export isolation period, both thick and thin blood smears from the felid were examined microscopically for haemoparasites, and found to be negative.

This CTO direction allows that only a thin blood smear was done.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and are managed effectively. The risk team was consulted and it was concluded that the thin blood smear is sufficient to mitigate the risks associated with haemoparasites.

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