



Ref: CTO 2015 055 [1]

Zoo: Antelope Various

## CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of zoo antelope

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 antelopes to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard for zoo antelope from Australia (zooantic.aus):

### 1. Timing of Tests

Clause 3.1 of the veterinary certificate requires testing for Q fever, *Babesia bovis*, *Babesia bigemina*, *Anaplasma marginale* and *Anaplasma centrale* within 14 days of the scheduled date of export. This CTO direction will allow that sampling for the above testing may be done on day 10 of pre export isolation (PEI) instead.

This is based on a statement by the local land service (NSW) stating that the area where the antelopes are being held is considered to be tick free.

Clause 3.3 of the veterinary certificate requires that faecal samples were collected per rectum on two occasions during PEI at an interval of 10 to 14 days and were cultured for *Salmonella* spp using enrichment broths and selective media.

This CTO direction will allow that faecal samples are collected 48 hours before entering PEI and on day 10 of PEI.

### 2. *Brucella abortus* and bovine tuberculosis

Clause 3.1.1 and 3.1.5 require that the antelopes were tested for *Brucella abortus* and Bovine Tuberculosis.

Australia has declared freedom from bovine tuberculosis and bovine brucellosis, therefore this CTO direction will allow that testing is not required.

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