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Commencement of a review of biosecurity risks associated with importing foetal bovine serum

The Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment has commenced a review of the biosecurity risks associated with importing foetal bovine serum for scientific purposes.

The department has commenced a review of the biosecurity risks associated with importing foetal bovine serum (FBS) into Australia. Current applications for importation of FBS are assessed on a case-by-case basis.

This review will consider the biosecurity risks associated with importing (from any country) FBS for use in reproductive technologies, commercial production of veterinary vaccines or therapeutics, private industry research and development for vaccines or other therapeutic agents and basic research, teaching and diagnostic services. It will take into account new and relevant peer-reviewed scientific information, international standards, industry practices and operational practicalities.

[This review](#) will recommend risk management measures to ensure the biosecurity risks associated with the importation of FBS into Australia achieves Australia's Appropriate Level of Protection.

Once the draft report has been completed it will be released for comment prior to finalisation.

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