



19 January 2022

Animal Biosecurity Advice 2022-A02

Draft policy review of biosecurity risks associated with glanders (*Burkholderia mallei*) in horses and horse semen

We invite you to comment on the draft review by 18 February 2022.

The draft review is available on our website at haveyoursay.awe.gov.au. You can also submit comments via the [Have Your Say page](#).

This is a review of Australia's existing horse and horse semen import conditions. We initiated this review in response to the global increase in glanders cases and the growing international trade in horses. The review considers current scientific information, international standards developed by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), and relevant import policies adopted by other countries.

In accordance with the OIE Code, the review proposes to standardise Australia's import conditions for horses and horse semen. The review does not propose to significantly alter the current import conditions for horse and horse semen. This will ensure continuity of trade whilst managing the biosecurity risks sufficiently to meet Australia's appropriate level of protection.

We invite comments on technical aspects of the proposed measures. We are particularly interested in your comments about the appropriateness of these measures and any other measures that would provide equivalent risk management outcomes.

We will carefully consider all submissions and where appropriate make changes before finalising the review.

To receive information and updates on biosecurity risk analyses [subscribe to Biosecurity Risk Analysis Animal](#). Subscribers will receive biosecurity advice notices and other notifications about animal biosecurity policy.

Dr Jill Millan
A/g Assistant Secretary
Animal Biosecurity
Email animal@agriculture.gov.au