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## **ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2004/12**

### **IMPORTATION OF ZOO PERISSODACTYLS**

#### **PROPOSED AMENDED REQUIREMENTS**

This Animal Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (ABPM) provides stakeholders with proposed amended Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Zoo Perissodactyls from Member States of the European Union (Attachment A), the United States and Canada (Attachment B) and Singapore (Attachment C). We would welcome comments on the proposed requirements by 3 September 2004.

ABPM 2003/28 of 29 October 2003 provided stakeholders with amended quarantine requirements for the importation of zoo perissodactyls from the European Union (EU), the United States of America (USA) and Canada, and Singapore. Since circulating these amended conditions, further comments have been received from the European Commission. We have accepted that some of these warrant further amendment of the conditions. We take this opportunity to present the requirements in the format that it will be in when posted on the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) Import Conditions database (ICON).

The main changes are:

- . re-wording the scope of the requirements,
- . deletion of the requirement for certification that African Horse Sickness (AHS) is notifiable and vaccination is not practised; this can be assumed for all these countries,
- . reduction in the specified period of freedom from List A diseases (AHS, Rift Valley fever etc) from 12 months to three months, as all of these countries are free from these diseases and the diseases are compulsorily notifiable,
- . reference to Borna disease added to the relevant clause in the requirements for the USA and Canada, and Singapore as evidence suggests Borna disease is not confined to Europe.

The three proposed amended protocols are almost identical. Singapore, unlike Europe and North America, is free from equine influenza and the certification requirements reflect this. Country freedom from vesicular stomatitis is required for EU States and Singapore, State/Provincial freedom for the USA and Canada.

## **Next Steps**

Biosecurity Australia would welcome your comments on the attached amended conditions by 3 September 2004. We will take into account stakeholder comments as we finalise the conditions.

Please pass this notice to other interested parties. If those parties wish to be included in future communications on this matter they should get in touch with the contact officer (details below). Alternatively, if you wish to be removed from the distribution list, please advise the contact officer.

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