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Dear Dr Millan

I write regarding your email of 1 December 2009, in which you invite comment on Biosecurity Australia Advice 2009/28 Draft import risk analysis report for horses from approved countries. I note that risk management measures are required for 25 of 43 assessed pests and diseases. Recommended risk management measures include country and premise freedom from the pest or disease, diagnostic testing, inspection and treatment for ticks, protection from vectors, pre-export and post-arrival quarantine.

The Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts is supportive of these measures and has no objections to the draft IRA for horses from approved countries.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this draft policy.

Yours sincerely

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