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## **ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2000/56**

### **IMPORTATION OF GIRAFFE SEMEN FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

#### **DECISION ON QUARANTINE CONDITIONS**

This Animal Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (ABPM) provides final quarantine requirements for the importation of giraffe semen from the United States of America (USA) (Attachment A). The conditions come into effect on 11 December 2000.

ABPM 2000/49 of 25 September 2000 proposed draft quarantine requirements for the importation of giraffe semen from USA. Comments were received from three stakeholders. A summary of comments and Animal Biosecurity's response is at Attachment B.

Animal Biosecurity has carefully considered these comments and made two modifications to the final import requirements:

1. The semen will be shipped chilled and therefore the requirement for the semen to be stored in a liquid nitrogen container is not appropriate and has been deleted.
2. There are few reports of bovine tuberculosis in giraffes and importantly, tuberculin testing has not been validated in giraffes. The requirement that donors test negative on two occasions to the intradermal tuberculin test has been changed to require that bovine tuberculosis has not been diagnosed in the donors and in animals in the zoo population/s in which the donor giraffe has been held during the past five years.

#### **Next Steps**

These conditions come into effect immediately.

We would be grateful if you would pass details of this notice to other interested parties, who should advise the contact officer if they wish to be included in future communications on this matter. Inquiries should be directed to the officer whose contact details appear below.

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Comments on draft conditions for the importation of giraffe semen from the United States of America

ABPM 2000/49 of 25 September 2000

<b>Stakeholder Comment</b>	<b>Animal Biosecurity response</b>
<p>Queried the basis for the requirement for bovine tuberculosis testing of donors.</p> <p>Queried the requirement for semen to be stored in liquid nitrogen.</p> <p>Semen only survives 3-4 days and timing will be critical, particularly with regard to AQIS auditing the contents of the shipping container (Clause 3.1).</p>	<p>The conditions have been changed and the requirement for bovine tuberculosis testing deleted.</p> <p>This requirement has been deleted.</p> <p>Noted. AQIS inspectors to be advised of this and requested to audit contents expeditiously.</p>
<p>The draft conditions are suitable for the safe import of giraffe semen from the USA.</p>	<p>Noted: no action required.</p>
<p>The draft conditions are believed to be sound.</p>	<p>Noted: no action required.</p>