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## **ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2001/18**

### **IMPORTATION OF GIRAFFE SEMEN FROM NEW ZEALAND**

#### **DRAFT QUARANTINE CONDITIONS**

This Animal Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (ABPM) seeks stakeholder comment on draft quarantine requirements for the importation of giraffe semen from New Zealand. Responses would be appreciated by 1 October 2001.

In response to requests for semen imports from New Zealand to improve the genetic diversity of giraffes in Australia, Animal Biosecurity has developed the attached quarantine requirements.

The importation of live giraffes from New Zealand is currently permitted and conditions for giraffe semen from USA were recently promulgated (December 2000). The attached conditions for New Zealand are based on these requirements and Biosecurity Australia has taken into account the lower quarantine risks associated with the importation of semen compared with live animals and New Zealand's favourable animal health status. On this basis and as there is no significant variation in established policy, a formal import risk analysis process is not considered necessary on this occasion.

#### **Next steps**

Your comments on the draft conditions are invited. Animal Biosecurity will take account of stakeholder comments in finalising the conditions.

Your response by 1 October 2001 would be appreciated.

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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