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INTERIM QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF MARSUPIALS AND MONOTREMES

1. GENERAL

1.1 These requirements apply to the importation of animals of the

Order Monotremata;

Order Dasyuromorphia,
Families Myrmecobiidae, Dasyuridae;

Order Peramelemorphia,
Family Peramelidae; and

Order Diprodontia,
Families Phasolarctidae, Vombatidae, Phalangeridae, Potoroidae,
Macropodidae, Burramyidae, Pseudocheiridae, Petauridae and Acrobatidae.

Species of the genus *Trichosurus* from New Zealand are excluded from importation under this protocol.

1.2 Each consignment must be accompanied by a copy of a valid Permit to Import issued by the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS). Further information may be obtained from the AFFA website www.affa.gov.au → Quarantine and Export Services → Animals, or by Email to animalimp@aqis.gov.au. A processing fee will be charged for the permit.

1.3 Permission to import marsupials or monotremes must also be obtained from Environment Australia (EA). Details are available from the Director, Wildlife Permits and Enforcement Section, EA, Email wildlifetrade@ea.gov.au or through the website <http://www.ea.gov.au/biodiversity/trade-use>.

1.4 The animals must be accompanied by an *international veterinary certificate* signed by an *Official Veterinarian*.

[An *Official Veterinarian* is a veterinarian authorised by the *Veterinary Administration* of the exporting country to perform animal health and/or public health inspections of commodities and, when appropriate, perform certification in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 1.3.2. of the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) International Animal Health Code (herein called the Code)].

The veterinary certificate should be in the format of an OIE Code Model International Veterinary Certificate for live animals. It must provide details of the certifying authority, identification of each animal, premises of origin of the animals,

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consignor and consignee, destination and means of transport. The certificate must be in English and must be stamped on each page with an Official stamp.

- 1.5 Costs associated with the selection, testing, transport, quarantine (including any extension to the quarantine period for whatever reason) and any Australian Government veterinary supervision of the animals during each quarantine period and during transport to Australia will not be met by the Australian Government.
- 1.6 The importer or agent co-ordinating the importation must be Australian based and must nominate a person who will be accessible to AQIS officers.
- 1.7 These requirements may be varied or reviewed at any time at the discretion of the Australian Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine (herein called the Director).

2. INTERNATIONAL VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

The *Official Veterinarian* who must certify that:

- 2.1 The premise of origin is a government registered or licensed zoological gardens or wildlife park, or a government approved facility for holding non-domesticated animals.
- 2.2 Each animal has been continuously resident in the premises of origin for at least six months prior to certification.
- 2.3 The premise of origin is under veterinary supervision and a suitable health monitoring programme is implemented.
- 2.3 He/she is satisfied, after due enquiry, that no case of rabies, tuberculosis, Aujeszky's disease, Japanese encephalitis, surra or Borna disease has been diagnosed at the premises of origin during the 12 months prior to certification.
- 2.4 The animals for export were isolated from animals not of the same health and residency status for at least thirty days immediately prior to export. The animals for export and all in-contact animals were free from signs of infectious or contagious disease during that period.
- 2.5 Each animal was treated on (date) with an external parasiticide effective against ticks not more than 96 hours prior to export.
- 2.6 Each animal was inspected by an *Official Veterinarian* or an approved wildlife veterinarian during the 72 hours prior to export and found to be healthy, free from external parasites and fit to travel.
- 2.7 He/she is satisfied, after due enquiry, that each animal will be shipped in a container that meets the appropriate container requirements specified in the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animals Regulations [in the 2001 Regulations these are General Container Requirements 83 for macropods, 81 for small marsupials and 80 for wombats].

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3. TRANSPORT

- 3.1 The animals must be consigned to Australia by a route approved by the Director. They may be accompanied by other animals only with the approval of the Director. Any transshipment requires the approval of the Director. Stops on route will need approval from relevant authorities in the country or countries of transit or transshipment.
- 3.2 The design of the containers, the recommended species requirements, the preparation for transport, and the disinfection of the interior of the aircraft or vessel, removable equipment, penning and containers must be in accordance with the recommendations of the OIE Code and IATA Live Animal Regulations unless otherwise agreed by AQIS.
- 3.3 The use of hay or straw as bedding during transport by air is not permitted; treated wood shavings, sterilised peat and soft board may be used.

4. ENTRY AND POST-ARRIVAL QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1 Each imported animal must undergo post-arrival quarantine (PAQ) in a quarantine approved premises for at least thirty days. Carnivorous marsupials must remain in PAQ for at least four months if imported from a country or territory not recognised by AQIS as a rabies-free country or territory.
- 4.2 During PAQ each animal must be treated with a broad-spectrum parasiticide effective against ticks.
- 4.3 After completion of PAQ, each animal imported under these conditions will be released from quarantine or released under quarantine surveillance into premises approved by the State or Territory Government for keeping of the species imported subject to meeting EA and CITES requirements.
- 4.4 During PAQ and while the imported animals remain under quarantine surveillance, they, and any in-contact animals, may be subjected to any testing or treatment prescribed by the Director, at the importer's expense. If any animal fails a test or shows signs of disease, that animal and any or all other animals in the PAQ premises may, at the Director's discretion, be detained in quarantine for further testing and/ or observation, or exported at the importer's expense, or destroyed without recompense.
- 4.5 The importer will be charged for services provided by the Australian Government. If any animals die or are destroyed during any period of control, compensation will not be paid by the Australian Government.

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