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ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2003/21

REVIEW OF ZOO PERISSODACTYL IMPORT POLICIES

This Animal Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (ABPM) provides stakeholders with Australia's proposed amended quarantine requirements for the importation of zoo perissodactyls (eg zebras and other non-domesticated equids, rhinoceros and tapirs) from the European Union (EU), the United States of America (USA) or Canada, and Singapore. The amendments have been effected to reinstate rhinoceros and tapirs under these protocols and to update contact details and post-import arrangements. We would welcome comments by 15 September 2003.

ABPM 2002/15 of 22 April 2002 provided advice to stakeholders on changes to import requirements for some zoo animals including the removal of rhinoceros and tapirs from the quarantine requirements for importation of perissodactyls from the USA, Member States of the EU and Singapore. This was on the grounds that separate conditions had been developed for rhinoceros.

The conditions for zoo perissodactyls have been reviewed taking into account the report of the import risk analysis on rhinoceros from South Africa, and amended to incorporate risk management measures for hazards (diseases) identified as being relevant to rhinoceros and tapirs as well as measures for diseases of equids.

ABPM 2002/50 of 4 December 2002 proposed amendments of a number of zoo animal protocols primarily to update contact details for Environment Australia, references to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) Code and post-import arrangements. Some other changes were made, particularly to formatting. The zoo perissodactyl protocols are updated similarly.

It is proposed that the protocol for import from the USA will also allow import from Canada.

Attached are conditions for

- Zoo perissodactyl from Member States of the EU
- Zoo perissodactyl from Singapore
- Zoo perissodactyl from the US or Canada

Next Steps

We would welcome your technical comments on the attached proposed quarantine requirements, supported by published references where available, by cob 15 September 2003. Stakeholder comments will then be considered and the protocols finalised.

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).

Confidentiality

Respondents are advised that, subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and the *Privacy Act 1988*, all submissions received in response to ABPMs will be publicly available and may be listed or referred to in any papers or reports prepared on the subject matter of the Memoranda.

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