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ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2003/26

AMPHIBIANS OR THEIR EGGS - REVISED QUARANTINE CONDITIONS FOR ZOOLOGICAL FACILITIES OR LABORATORY PURPOSES

This Animal Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (ABPM) provides stakeholders with revised quarantine conditions for the importation of amphibians or their eggs for zoological facilities (Attachment A) or for laboratory purposes (Attachment B). Unless there is comment that warrants further change, these requirements will come into effect on 17 November 2003.

Attached to this ABPM are revised quarantine conditions for the importation of amphibians or their eggs. They may be imported into zoos or for laboratory purposes.

As with recent amendments to other zoo protocols, the attached conditions include updated contact details for Environment Australia, references to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) Code and post-import arrangements. The formatting has also been changed.

In revising the conditions, Biosecurity Australia has consulted with a number of interested parties including laboratories, zoos and State and Territory Agriculture and Environment Departments. As a result of feedback received, the conditions have been separated with one set for zoos and the other set for research institutes.

Next Steps

Unless there is comment that warrants further change, these requirements will come into effect on 17 November 2003.

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).

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