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ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2003/28

REVIEW OF ZOO PERISSODACTYL IMPORT POLICIES

This Animal Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (ABPM) provides stakeholders with Australia's final amended quarantine requirements for the importation of zoo perissodactyls (zebras and other non-domesticated equids, rhinoceros and tapirs) from the European Union (EU), the United States of America (USA) or Canada, and Singapore. Proposed amendments were circulated in August 2003. The amendments reinstate rhinoceros and tapirs under these protocols and update contact details and post-import arrangements. The new requirements are effective immediately.

ABPM 2003/21 of 18 August 2003 provided stakeholders with proposed amended quarantine requirements for importation of perissodactyls from Member States of the EU, the USA or Canada, and Singapore. The amendments have been effected to reinstate rhinoceros and tapirs under these protocols and to update contact details for Environment Australia, now referred to as the Australian Government Department of Environment and Heritage, references to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) Code, and post-import arrangements. Some other changes were made, particularly to formatting.

The proposed amendments attracted little comment from stakeholders. Comments received have been taken into account in finalising the requirements.

Attached are conditions for:

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

Next Steps

These come into effect with the release of this memorandum. 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.

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