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BIOSECURITY ADVICE 2012/03

DRAFT POLICY REVIEW OF THE IMPORTATION OF ZOO PERISSODACTYLS FROM APPROVED COUNTRIES

This Biosecurity Advice invites stakeholders to provide comments on the draft policy review of the *Importation of zoo perissodactyls from approved countries* by 16 March 2012.

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) has completed a draft review of the policy for the import of zoo perissodactyls. The review takes into account current scientific information, international standards developed by the World Organisation for Animal Health, as well as policies adopted by other countries for the import of zoo perissodactyls.

DAFF allowed the import of zoo perissodactyls from approved countries until the equine influenza outbreak in 2007. The outbreak resulted in the suspension of the import of horses and related species, including zoo perissodactyls. The final *Import risk analysis report for horses from approved countries* was released in March 2010.

This draft policy review has identified and categorised hazards of biosecurity concern associated with the importation of zoo perissodactyls. A review of disease agents has been undertaken as required.

The review proposes that:

- the import of zoo perissodactyls recommence
- importation be subject to issuance of an import permit by DAFF Biosecurity stipulating the conditions that must be met by the exporting country
- importation be restricted to animals from approved countries only
- imported animals must be accompanied by the import permit and health certification
- imported animals must undergo a period of post-arrival quarantine and testing (if required).

The Department invites comments on the technical aspects of the proposed biosecurity measures associated with the importation of zoo perissodactyls. In particular, comments are sought on their appropriateness and any other measures that stakeholders consider would provide equivalent risk management outcomes.

Comments on the draft report should be submitted by 16 March 2012 to:

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The draft report is available via the Department's website www.daff.gov.au/ba.

All submissions received on the draft report will be carefully considered by Animal Biosecurity in finalising the review of existing policy.

Please pass this notice to other interested parties. If those parties wish to be included in future communications on this matter they should contact Animal Biosecurity.

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