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**BIOSECURITY AUSTRALIA POLICY MEMORANDUM 2007/08**  
**IMPORTATION OF HORSES FROM THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

This Biosecurity Australia Policy Memorandum (BAPM) provides stakeholders with final quarantine requirements for the permanent importation of horses from the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The conditions take effect from 20 April 2007.

In September 2006, Biosecurity Australia circulated for stakeholder comment via BAPM 2006/28 proposed quarantine conditions for the permanent importation of horses from the UAE. The proposed conditions have been developed following the adoption of conditions in July 2006 that allowed the temporary importation of horses from the UAE for racing and other competition and the return of Australian horses after competing in international events in the Emirates (see BAPM 2006/20).

A number of stakeholders provided comments on the proposed requirements and these have been taken into account in finalising the conditions. Final requirements for the permanent importation of horses from the UAE are detailed in the attachment to this memorandum.

Modifications to the proposed requirements that were issued to stakeholders in BAPM 2006/28 relate to operational issues and veterinary certification requirements. They include:

- . inclusion of insect screening requirements in pre-export quarantine (PEQ) operational notes (clause 2)
- . inclusion of premises freedom requirements for rabies (clause 2)
- . clarification of requirements for contagious equine metritis (CEM) (clause 4)
- . reinstatement of the CEM test requirement of three sets of samples to be taken, consistent with existing conditions for other countries (clause 5)
- . deletion of equine herpesvirus requirement at clause 4, relying on the declaration in clause 2
- . requirements for equine viral arteritis have been reworded to allow vaccination of horses over the age of 12 months (clause 7)
- . requirements for tick examination on entry to PEQ have been clarified (clause 8).

A summary of stakeholder comments and responses can be found on Biosecurity Australia's website: [www.biosecurityaustralia.gov.au](http://www.biosecurityaustralia.gov.au)

## **Consultation**

These requirements come into effect from 20 April 2007. 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 listed below. Alternatively, if you wish to be removed from the distribution list, please advise the contact officer.

Information on import risk analyses and policy reviews being conducted by Biosecurity Australia is available on Biosecurity Australia's website.

## **Confidentiality**

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

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