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**BIOSECURITY AUSTRALIA POLICY MEMORANDUM 2007/18**

**TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT IMPORTATION OF HORSES FROM MACAU AND  
THE RETURN OF AUSTRALIAN HORSES FROM MACAU**

This Biosecurity Australia Policy Memorandum (BAPM 2007/18) provides stakeholders with final quarantine conditions for the temporary and permanent importation of horses from Macau and for the return of Australian horses from Macau after participation in competition. The conditions take effect from 1 August 2007.

In November 2006, Biosecurity Australia circulated for stakeholder comment via BAPM 2006/31 proposed quarantine conditions for the temporary and permanent importation of horses from Macau and for the return of Australian horses from Macau after participation in competition. Attached to the BAPM was a background paper on the unique nature of the equine industry in Macau and Macau's quarantine biosecurity arrangements.

Stakeholder comments on the proposed conditions have been taken into account in finalising the conditions. Final quarantine conditions are attached.

Amendments to the proposed conditions in BAPM 2006/31 relate to premises (facilities) requirements, operational issues and veterinary certification requirements. They include:

- . addition of disease freedom declarations for rabies (Veterinary certification, clause 1, conditions for permanent and temporary importation) and notifiability for piroplasmiasis (Veterinary certification, clause 1, conditions for temporary importation)
- . stipulation that the Japanese encephalitis vaccine is an approved inactivated vaccine (Veterinary certification, clause 3, conditions for permanent and temporary importation)
- . inclusion of testing for contagious equine metritis (Veterinary certification clauses 7 and 8, conditions for permanent importation)
- . inclusion of testing for equine infectious anaemia (Veterinary certification, clause 6, conditions for temporary importation)
- . clarification of post arrival quarantine procedures regarding examination and management of external parasites
- . rewording of some clauses to avoid ambiguity and enhance readability.

The final quarantine conditions and a summary of stakeholder comments and responses are available electronically on the Biosecurity Australia website.

**Consultation**

These conditions come into effect from 1 August 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 the Biosecurity Australia 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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