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## ANIMAL QUARANTINE POLICY MEMORANDUM 2000/24

### IMPORTATION OF CERVINE SEMEN AND EMBRYOS FROM POLAND

#### DECISION ON QUARANTINE CONDITIONS

This Animal Quarantine Policy Memorandum (AQPM) provides final quarantine requirements for the importation of cervine semen and embryos from Poland (Attachment A).

AQPM 1998/70 of 27 August 1998 proposed draft quarantine requirements for the importation of cervine semen and embryos from Poland. When the draft conditions were released, the Polish veterinary authorities advised they could not meet some of the import requirements. Following discussion and clarification, Poland has indicated it can meet the conditions. Comments were also received from three stakeholders. A summary of comments and the AQIS's response is at Attachment B.

AQIS has carefully considered all comments and amended the conditions as appropriate. The finalised import requirements include several modifications.

#### Features of the attached revised conditions:

- 1 Some paragraphs were rewritten and reformatted for greater clarity.
- 2 The Animal Health Certificate (AHC) need no longer conform with the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) International Animal Health Code (*Code*) Model Certificate No. 2. However, the AHC must contain all information equivalent to that in the OIE certificate and a template is included.
- 3 The new conditions require Poland to certify country freedom from rinderpest, Rift Valley fever and vesicular stomatitis. As Poland is in the process of becoming a Member State of the European Union (EU), the final conditions were modified to be similar to that for the EU. Although contagious bovine pleuropneumonia and lumpy skin disease are included in the EU conditions, they are not diseases of deer and are not included.
- 4 The test requirement for louping ill is deleted from the final conditions. AQIS reassessed risk management measures for this disease. The risk analysis, as at Attachment C, concluded that the test requirement for louping ill is not necessary.

- 5 The requirements for collecting and processing semen are incorporated in the attached conditions as Appendix 1 – “Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) requirements for cervine semen collection facilities in Poland”. This ensures that semen collection conditions are similar to those required for New Zealand and the EU.

The attached conditions will be adopted on 5 May 2000. Thank you for your assistance with the formulation of this import policy.

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