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## ANIMAL QUARANTINE POLICY MEMORANDUM 1998/58

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### IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS: ZOO CARNIVORES

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPROACH

AQPM 1998/14 sought stakeholder comment on AQIS's proposed approach to the import risk analysis (IRA) of zoo carnivores.

Six stakeholders responded, supporting the routine approach, which was subsequently confirmed by the Executive Director of AQIS.

The IRA will address generic import conditions for the six families or groups of families of zoo carnivores, in the following order

- . Felids (eg cheetah, ocelot),
- . Canidae (eg African hunting dog, Fennec fox) and
- . Viverridae (eg linsang, meerkat, hyaena).

When these IRAs are completed risk analyses will commence for the remain three families

- . Mustelidae (eg otter, eurasian badger)
- . Procyonidae (eg coati, red panda)
- . Ursidae (eg brown bear, sun bear)

The next step in the IRA process will be the release, for public comment, of a draft IRA report on Felids. AQIS expects to release the draft report in August 1998.

### **Confidentiality**

Respondents are advised that, subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and the *Privacy Act 1982*, all submissions received in response to Animal Quarantine Policy Memoranda will be publicly available and may be listed or referred to in any papers or reports prepared on the subject matter of the Memoranda.

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