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ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2001/07

IMPORTATION OF CAMELIDS FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECISION ON QUARANTINE CONDITIONS

This Animal Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (ABPM) provides stakeholders with the final quarantine requirements for the importation of camelids from the United States of America (USA) (attached). The conditions come into effect on 12 February 2001.

Import conditions for camelids from the USA were adopted on 3 December 1993 and updated on 2 January 1998 under cover of Animal Quarantine Policy Memorandum (AQPM) 1998/01. Proposed draft quarantine requirements for the importation of camelids from USA were circulated for stakeholder comment via AQPM 2000/28 of 29 May 2000. In response to issues raised by stakeholders, revised draft quarantine requirements were released for further comments through ABPM 2000/53 of 30 October 2000.

Five stakeholders responded to ABPM 2000/53. Four either supported the requirements or had no further comments and one advised that vicunas would require a pest risk assessment. Rather than conducting an import risk analysis, which would include a pest risk assessment, and as there is no import proposal for vicuna lodged with AFFA, the final requirements have been revised to apply only to alpacas, llamas and guanacos.

Next Steps

These conditions come into effect on 12 February 2001.

We would be grateful if you would pass details of this notice to other interested parties, who should advise the contact officer if they wish to be included in future communications on this matter. Inquiries should be directed to the officer whose contact details appear below.

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