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ANIMAL BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2003/03

IMPORT OF ELEPHANTS FROM INDONESIA UPDATE OF CURRENT CONDITIONS

This Animal Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (ABPM) provides stakeholders with updated quarantine requirements for the importation of elephants from Indonesia. Updating was required to correct the contact reference for Environment Australia and a reference to registered zoos.

Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Elephants from Indonesia were developed in 1998/99 in response to an access request from Monarto Zoo in South Australia. Taronga and Melbourne Zoos have also expressed interest in importing Asian elephants. Conditions were finalised in October 1999 and circulated under Animal Quarantine Policy Memorandum 1999/73.

The requirements include advice that a permit is required from Environment Australia and provides contact details. Those contact details have been changed and the requirements have been amended to show the correct details and provide website and e-mail addresses. A reference to Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) registered zoos has been deleted, as zoos are no longer registered by AQIS.

The opportunity was taken to amend the tuberculosis testing requirements (certification requirement 2.6 and Appendix 1), which are based on US National Guidelines for the Control of Tuberculosis in Elephants prepared by a National Tuberculosis Working Group for Zoo and Wildlife Species. The Working Group reviewed and amended the Guidelines in January 2000.

Certification requirement 2.4 has been amended slightly to describe more accurately endotheliotropic elephant herpesvirus (EEHV-1) infection.

Next Steps

The updated conditions are effective immediately.

Please pass this notice to other interested parties. If those parties wish to be included in future communications on this matter they should contact the officer listed below.

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