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IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS: IMPORTATION OF HORSES FROM COUNTRIES IN WHICH SURRA IS ENDEMIC

CONFIRMATION OF APPROACH

AQPM 1999/14 sought stakeholder comment on AQIS's proposed routine approach to the import risk analysis (IRA) of horses from countries in which surra is endemic. A routine analysis was proposed as the IRA is not expected to be technically complex and considerable technical information is available.

Nine stakeholders responded and all supported the routine approach for the IRA. The Executive Director of AQIS subsequently confirmed the routine approach.

The next step in the IRA process will be the release, for public comment, of a draft IRA report that AQIS expects to release in November 1999.

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.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reveal the identity of a respondent unless a request for anonymity accompanies the submission. Where a request for anonymity does not accompany the submission the respondent will be taken to have consented to the disclosure of his or her identity for the purposes of Information Privacy Principle 11 of the Privacy Act.

The contents of the submission will not be treated as confidential unless they are marked 'confidential' and they are capable of being classified as such in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

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