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EXOTIC DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT 1991

ORDER – Section 22

Control Order – Requirements for Decontamination

I, SALLY ANN SPENCE, an inspector under the Exotic Diseases of Animals Act 1991 (“the Act”), having been directed by, STEPHEN ELLIOTT DUNN, Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer, pursuant to his delegated powers under section 67 of the Act, to make the following Control Order, pursuant to section 22 (1) (b) of the Act:

1. revoke the control order dated 16 September 2007 and titled ‘Control Order – Requirements for decontamination;
2. this order applies to:
 - (a) horses, mules, donkeys and other animals in the Equidae family, and
 - (b) animal products of horses, mules, donkeys and other animals in the Equidae family,
 in the Control Area (including all Restricted Areas) from the date of this Control Order; and
3. order all persons involved in the treatment or care of any animal to which this Order applies, including farriers, horse dentists, chiropractors and other assisting staff, who may attend to more than one animal to which this Order applies, must comply with the measures set out in the Schedule below.

SCHEDULE

1. On entering a premises and before coming into contact with any animal or animal product to which this Order applies, take the steps listed below:
 - a. wash hands, arms and any exposed skin and hair thoroughly with surgical scrub or soap. Continue washing for at least two minutes
 - b. completely cover your person with overalls that may be disposed of, laundered on site, or disinfected before reuse;
 - c. put on any other clothing as required, such as a farrier apron, that can be disinfected or is disposable;
 - d. completely cover your hair with a hood or disposable hat;
 - e. put on boots that can be disinfected or disposable footwear that completely encloses your feet.
2. After coming into contact with any animal or animal product to which this Order applies and before leaving the premises, take the steps listed below in the order they are listed, to decontaminate their person, vehicle and equipment:
 - a. At car, blow your nose into a tissue. Place tissue in plastic bag and leave on site for disposal.
 - b. Decontaminate your hands with soap, detergent or disinfectant.
 - c. Disinfect any equipment you have used, e.g. dental equipment, farrier equipment by washing thoroughly with soap or detergent.
 - d. Scrub boots and any other clothing, such as a farrier apron, using soap, detergent or disinfectant before placing in vehicle.
 - e. Remove overalls, and hair covering and leave on site for washing or disposal.

- f. Wash hands, arms and any exposed skin and hair thoroughly with surgical scrub or soap. Continue washing for at least two minutes. Make sure any exposed skin that may have been contaminated with saliva, nasal secretions or mucus is cleaned thoroughly.
- g. After returning home have a thorough shower for at least three minutes, including hair wash, and change into clean clothes.

Definitions:

In this Control Order:

Control Area means the control area declared, pursuant to section 21 of the Act, by the Order made by the Chief Veterinary Officer, as the Minister's delegate under section 67 of the Act, on 25 August 2007.

Restricted Area means any restricted area that has been declared, or may be declared, pursuant to section 15 of the Act, in relation to the exotic disease Equine influenza.

Dated: 18 September 2007.

SALLY ANN SPENCE,
Inspector

STEPHEN ELLIOTT DUNN,
Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer
with the powers the Minister has delegated to me
under section 67 of the Exotic Diseases of Animals Act 1991

Note: The Order entitled "Control Order – Veterinary Practitioners" dated 11 September 2007 applies to veterinary practitioners and staff assisting a veterinary practitioner.