

## EQUINE INFLUENZA INQUIRY

### SUBMISSION BY CALOGO BLOODSTOCK AG (T/A 'COOLMORE AUSTRALIA') IN RELATION TO ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION (AI)

1. Leaving aside all the qualitative arguments historically put against Artificial Insemination in connection with the thoroughbred industry, upon a purely quantitative analysis, the proposition that the use of Artificial Insemination for the purpose of breeding thoroughbreds would significantly alleviate or lessen the introduction of equine influenza or any other equine disease into Australia has little merit, factual support or substance.
2. Coolmore Australia makes that submission on the basis that the total number of thoroughbred shuttle stallions imported into Australia in any one year is insignificant when compared to the total number of live horses imported into Australia and passing through AQIS in any one year.
3. For the purposes of this Submission Coolmore Australia adopts the figures set out in Paragraph 29 and Annexure 6 to the Statement of Michael Ford filed in the Commission, and the facts set out in the Statutory Declaration of Benjamin Allen sworn 18 December 2007 and attached hereto.
4. Leaving aside horses imported solely for racing and breeding purposes and subsequent re-exportation as well as horses imported by way of re-importation (having been originally exported on a temporary basis) for which there are no published figures, Coolmore Australia submits that in respect of the past three breeding seasons, that Shuttle Stallions comprise less than 2.5% of the total of live horses imported into Australia as per the following table:

Year	Number of horses Imported (including Shuttle Stallions)	Number of Shuttle Stallions imported	Percentage of Shuttle Stallions compared to total imported
2004-05	2576	64	2.48%
2005-06	3739	65	1.74%



Year	Number of horses Imported (including Shuttle Stallions)	Number of Shuttle Stallions Imported	Percentage of Shuttle Stallions compared to total Imported
2006-07	2820	63	2.23%

**SIGNED** for and on behalf of Calogo Bloodstock AG

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