

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ANIMAL DISEASES ACT 1993

DECLARATION NO 8 OF 1994

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Animal Diseases Act 1993, which repealed the Stock Diseases Act 1933, provides for the control of both endemic and exotic animal diseases. Under sub-section 12 (1) of the Act the Minister is empowered to declare an animal disease not presently evident in Australia to be an exotic animal disease.

An outbreak of an exotic animal disease is likely to be of national concern because of the eradication cost, social disruption and the adverse effect on export trade. Special provisions exist in the Act for the control of exotic animal disease and it is necessary that the exotic animal diseases to which the Act refers are identified.

The Declaration provides a list of diseases declared to be exotic animal diseases for the purposes of the Act.