ANNEXURE B: Vector protected isolation for high health movements of horses from the infected area to the AHS Controlled Area

The facility must be approved by the local *State Veterinary Authority* (SV) in consultation with the attending private veterinarian (PPV) and SV Boland and the means of protection should at least comprise the following:

a) **All** openings of the building are *vector* screened with mesh of appropriate gauge (80-100 % shade cloth, eg Alnet or equivalent insect proof material) impregnated just before the start of the two week isolation period with an approved insecticide (Fendona 6) according to the instructions of the manufacturer.

b) The facility must be sprayed with insect repellent sprays/foggers before the start of isolation.

c) The area around the stables must be kept free of stable waste and standing water to limit breeding sites for vectors in the vicinity.

d) Horses must be stabled in this facility from 2 hours before sunset to 2 hours after sunrise.

e) Horses must have insect repellent (DEET 15% solution) applied to preferred midge biting sites, i.e head, neck, back, tail base and belly, before entering the facility for the start of isolation and each day before exiting the facility to work and again in mid-afternoon.

f) The facility must remain closed at all times while the horses are outside working. The doors may not be left open.

g) A register must be kept confirming the date the horse/s began vector protected isolation, daily opening and locking up times, twice daily temperature readings, proof of insect repellent spray administration, date of RT-PCR test and confirmation of a negative result.

h) If horses are removed for any reason during this period, the attending PPV and local SV must be informed and the horses must restart their isolation period.

The local SV must be given access to the facility at any time to ensure that the SOP is being followed. The attending PPV, the local SV and SV Boland must IMMEDIATELY be informed should deviation from the above protocol be necessary.