



Ref: CTO 2015 041 [G]

Cats and Dogs: Non-Topical External Parasite Treatment

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of cats and dogs treated with non-topical external parasite treatment

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Marnie Thomas, Manager, Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for cats and dogs to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable Import Health Standard for Cats and Dogs (CATDOG.GEN).

IHS clause 2.2 (1): The cat or dog was treated by a veterinarian twice with a **topical** product registered for the control of ticks and fleas at the manufacturer's recommended dose and certified as free from external parasites at each treatment.

Where MPI has determined that a non-topical product is effective against fleas and ticks, the use of that product is considered equivalent to the clause in the IHS above.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and are managed effectively.

This direction takes effect from the date of signing and continues in effect until amended or revoked.