



Ref: CTO 2015 088 [1]

Dog: Unreadable microchip on arrival

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of a dog from the USA with an unreadable microchip upon arrival

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 a dog 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 2014):

Equivalence from microchip identification (Clause 1.1.1 (2) of the IHS):

This direction for clearance is based on the following:

- The dog was radiographed in post-arrival quarantine to show the presence of a microchip;
- A letter from the veterinarian who completed the tests and treatments for export, and completed Veterinary Certificate A, confirmed that the microchip was scanned and confirmed at each visit to the veterinary clinic;
- The microchip [# 900 088 000 380 464] was inserted in the dog on 20th February 2005 in New Zealand. The microchip number of this dog corresponds with a batch of faulty BackHome microchips made by Virbac. This batch is numbered 900 088 00X XXX XXX or 900 008 800 XXX XXX and goes up to 900 008 800 259 208.

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

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