



Ref: CTO 2015 092 [1]

Dog: Extension to 2nd External Parasite Treatment

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of a guide dog: Microchip number 900 008 800 222 400

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 *Cats and Dogs from Approved Countries* [CATDOG.GEN dated 28 November 2014]:

Guide dog to Australia for a short-stay of 30 days or less: The first external parasite treatment for import into New Zealand (effective against fleas and ticks) will be given in the two days prior to export to Australia and the second treatment will be given 17 days after the first treatment, and in the two days prior to shipment from Australia. This is not compliant with CTOd 2013 046 (short stay in Australia for 30 days or less) which requires external parasite treatment to be repeated every two weeks.

This extension is not considered to significantly increase the risk of the dog becoming infected with *Babesia gibsoni* whilst in Australia or introducing exotic external parasites to New Zealand.

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.