



Ref: CTO 2016 012 [1]

Dog: Rabies Vaccine Registered for Cats Only

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of a dog given a rabies vaccine registered for use in cats only

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Lucy Johnston, Acting Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for a dog, 'Mo', [microchip number 981 000 006 622 872] 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 clause 2.1 (2) of the IHS which requires that the vaccine is government approved.

The primary vaccination given to this dog, Purevax Rabies, is a vaccine registered for use in cats only and is therefore not government approved for use in dogs.

Equivalence is granted based on discussions with the manufacturer Merial (indicating that the vaccine should provide protective immunity in a dog), the dog having a satisfactory rabies antibody level and having resided in the United Kingdom for at least six months subsequent to the sample being taken for the antibody titre.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with rabies 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.