



Ref: CTO 2016 053 [1]

Dogs: Two Day Lapse between Rabies Vaccinations

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of a dog

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Lucy Johnston, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for a dog, microchip number 985 170 001 521 351, 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):

Equivalence is granted for Clause 2.1 (2)(b) of the IHS: there was a two day lapse between rabies vaccinations after the sample was taken for the rabies antibody titre test. A lapse of two days between rabies vaccinations does not significantly increase the risk of rabies entering New Zealand. Additionally, the blood sample for the rabies titre test was taken at least six months prior to the scheduled date of shipment to New Zealand.

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.