



Ref: CTO 2017 002 [VS]

Cats and Dogs: Examination Prior to Shipment

**CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of cats and dogs who have not been examined in the two days prior to shipment (when a 7 or 10 day extension has been granted)**

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Angela Snell, Acting Manager Animal Imports, give the following directions, different from those measures in the applicable Import Health Standard for Cats and Dogs (CATDOG.GEN):

Equivalence is given to cats and dogs who have had a 7 or 10-day extension granted but are found on arrival in New Zealand to have not had an examination in the two days prior to shipment as required in the veterinary certificates.

A thorough post-arrival inspection by an official veterinarian mitigates the risk of any infectious or contagious diseases, or external parasites entering New Zealand.