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Dogs: Quarantine on Super Yachts

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of dogs after quarantine on a super yacht

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 dogs 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]:

Equivalence is given to section 1.11 (1) and (2) 'Post-arrival quarantine' in the IHS to allow quarantine on-board a super yacht under the following conditions:

1. The import permit must state that the animal will be quarantined on a vessel under direct MPI supervision.
2. An MPI veterinarian, warranted as a Biosecurity Inspector, must remain on the vessel at all times until biosecurity clearance is given to the animal.
3. The animal must remain secured on-board the vessel in a designated escape-proof area until the animal has been given biosecurity clearance by the MPI veterinarian.
4. The vessel must be cleared for entry at a Place of First Arrival (POFA) upon arrival in New Zealand before proceeding to any other ports.
5. The vessel may travel to other ports within New Zealand once the vessel has been cleared for entry into New Zealand.
6. A Service Agreement must be agreed and signed between the importer/agent and MPI Verification Services prior to the arrival of the animal.
7. Non-observance to the conditions in this CTO direction and/or the service agreement, without agreement from MPI, may result in the animal being transferred to an MPI-approved transitional facility for cats and dogs until biosecurity clearance is given or the animal is re-shipped to the country of origin.
8. All other requirements in Veterinary A and B of the applicable veterinary certificate for import into New Zealand must be met.

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