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Cats & Dogs

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of cats and dogs

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Cathy Dyer, Senior Adviser, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for cats and dogs 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 2013).

Additional option for fulfilling the rabies requirements:

- 1) A passing rabies titre on a sample drawn at least six months and no more than 24 months prior to import, with microchip identification; and
- 2) The rabies vaccination requirements remain the same as the import health standard, with the exception that the vaccine preceding the rabies titre test may be given before the microchip was implanted.

These measures demonstrate protection from rabies and cover the six month incubation period of rabies, linked with microchip identification of the animal. This will allow cats or dogs that received a rabies vaccination prior to microchipping to enter New Zealand without delay. The measure, different to the standard, effectively manages the rabies risk.

Cats and dogs must meet all other conditions of the Import Health Standard for Cats and Dogs.

This direction takes effect from the date of signing and continues in effect until amended or revoked.

Signed at Wellington this 9th day of August 2013.

Cathy Dyer

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(Acting under delegated authority)