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Cats & Dogs: Short Stay in Australia

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of cats and dogs returning to New Zealand after being in Australia for 30 days or less.

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 Import Health Standard for Cats and Dogs (CATDOG.GEN):

New Zealand Import Permit Clause 17A

An import permit is required.

External parasites Clause 35

One treatment must be given within 4 days prior to export to Australia, then treatment/inspection are to be repeated every two weeks, with the final treatment/inspection within two days prior to shipment back to New Zealand. (Note: All treatments must be done by a veterinarian and certified by an Official Veterinarian.)

Internal parasites Clause 36

If stay is less than two weeks, the first treatment must be given within two days prior to travel back to New Zealand, and the second treatment will not be required. All treatments must be done by a veterinarian and certified by an Official Veterinarian.

Heartworm (*Dirofilaria immitis*) Dogs only, Clause 52

Testing: not required.

Babesia gibsoni tests Dogs only, Clause 43

No testing required based on external parasite treatments (as above) and absence of ticks on inspections. If the ectoparasite treatments are non-compliant or if any ticks are found on post-arrival inspection, quarantine and testing for *Babesia gibsoni* will be required.

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

Signed at Wellington this 15th day of November, 2013

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