



Ref: CTO 2013 063

Dogs: Proven Importer

### CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of dogs

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Marnie Thomas, Animal Imports Team Manager, 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 Import Health Standard (IHS) for Cats and Dogs (CATDOG.GEN):

Equivalence is given for post-arrival quarantine (Clause 29 of the IHS) for the following:

1. The importer owns the pet dog(s) being imported.
2. The importer has demonstrated to MPI a history of regularly importing their pet dog(s) into New Zealand at least twice a year for at least the last five years.
3. There have not been any non-compliances resulting in quarantine relating to the import of their pet dog(s) into New Zealand over the last two years, including the detection of ticks or fleas.
4. The pet dog(s) must receive an additional external parasite inspection and treatment by a registered veterinarian six to seven weeks prior to the date of shipment (two to three weeks prior to the initial external parasite treatment specified in the IHS). This must be either documented in a signed letter from a registered veterinarian on practice letterhead, which must accompany the consignment along with Veterinary Certificates A & B, or incorporated into an amended Veterinary Certificate.
5. The importer must send copies of the draft (unsigned) export certificate and laboratory results to the MPI veterinarian at the port of arrival at least one working day before their arrival.
6. The importer must notify the MPI veterinarians at the port of arrival of their arrival details at least seven working days prior to their arrival.
7. The pet dog(s) must be inspected by a MPI veterinarian upon arrival in New Zealand.
8. Any non-compliant test and/or treatment identified will result in the non-compliant dog(s) being sent to a transitional facility until fully compliant.

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

Signed at Wellington this 29th day of October, 2013



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Marnie Thomas  
Team Manager, Animal Imports  
Ministry for Primary Industries  
(Acting under delegated authority)