



Ref: CTO 2017 073 [1]

Dog: *Babesia gibsoni* testing

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to a dog from Hong Kong

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 a dog from Hong Kong, microchip number, 109 309 054, with two PCR tests for *Babesia gibsoni* conducted at a laboratory that is not approved by the Hong Kong Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (HKG AFCD), in relation to the *Import Health Standard: Cats and Dogs*, CATDOG.GEN.

Clause 1.6 (1) of the IHS: *Any laboratory conducting the pre-export and/or surveillance testing as specified in the IHS must be approved by the Competent Authority of a country approved to export to New Zealand.*

The laboratory that conducted the two PCR (polymerase chain reaction) tests for *Babesia gibsoni* on samples collected on 9 November and 9 December 2017 is not currently approved by HKG AFCD.

A further PCR test for *Babesia gibsoni* will be conducted prior to shipment at a laboratory approved by HKG AFCD.

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

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