



**Ref: CTO 2018 022 [1]**

Dog Semen: No microchip on semen straws

**CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to dog semen straws with no microchip number**

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 dog semen in relation to the *Import Health Standard: Semen from Dogs (Canis familiaris)*: DOGSEMEN.GEN:

Equivalence is given to the following clauses in the IHS:

*Clause 1.8 (8): All straws and containers must be sealed and clearly and permanently marked with the donor's microchip number and the date of collection.*

Although the donor dog was microchipped at the time of semen collection in 2009, the microchip number was not written on the semen straws. The veterinarian who was present during the semen collection has provided a Frozen Semen Report that states the microchip number (982 009 102 768 922) and registration number (2100212197) of the donor dog. The registration number of the dog is placed on the semen straws.

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.