



Ref: CTO 2013 084 Live Animals: Residency, Testing and Vaccination in Approved Countries

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of live horses, cats, and 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 horses, cats, and dogs to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the Import Health Standards (IHSs) listed below:

Where the IHSs require that the animals reside in the exporting country for a specified minimum amount of time before export to New Zealand¹, MPI accepts as equivalent this residency period spent in any of the countries that are currently approved to export that species to New Zealand.

Where the IHSs require that testing is conducted at a laboratory approved by the exporting country's veterinary authority², MPI accepts as equivalent testing which is conducted in any of the countries that are currently approved to export that species to New Zealand. Laboratory results or certified copies must be provided as required by the IHSs.

Where the IHSs require that some vaccinations occur under official veterinary control in the exporting country and/or be government approved³, MPI accepts as equivalent vaccination which has occurred under official veterinary control and/or is approved by any of the countries that are currently approved to export that species to New Zealand. Proof of vaccination must be provided as required by the IHSs.

MPI recognises that the other approved countries present a different sets of risks, but considers those risks managed through their trading partners' importation requirements. MPI's country approval process assesses those requirements and if approval is granted then there is confidence that the risks are managed at the time of importation. Fulfilment of the residence requirement in any approved country will therefore manage the risk to New Zealand.

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

Signed at Wellington this 18th day of November, 2013

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¹ horaniic.aus, horaniic.can, horaniic.eu, horaniic.hk, horaniic.jp, horaniic.us, catdog.gen

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