



Ref: CTO 2014 047 [G]

Commodity: Canine Semen: *Brucella canis* IFAT Test

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of canine semen with an IFAT test for *Brucella canis*

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Marnie Thomas, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for canine semen to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard: Import Health Standard for Frozen Canine Semen from Specified Countries (DOGSEMIC.SPE):

Part D: Zoosanitary Certificate, Clause 6.2 of the IHS: Equivalence is given for a negative IFAT for *Brucella canis* on a blood sample drawn 3 - 6 weeks after the final semen collection.

In 2012, the Investigation and Diagnostic Centre (IDC) evaluated data for the IFAT for *Brucella canis* due to a worldwide shortage of the RSAT reagent. This data showed that the IFAT's performance is comparable to the RSAT and TAT.

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

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