



Ref: CTO 2014 061 [G]

Cats: Australia - Frontline Plus (Fipronil (S) –  
Methoprene Treatment)

### CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of cats from Australia treated with Frontline Plus rather than Frontline Spray

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 cats to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard: Import Health Standard for Cats and Dogs (CATDOG.GEN):

Clause 35 of IHS: Equivalence is given for treatment with Frontline Plus (fipronil (S) – methoprene) in cats from Australia.

This is a historical dispensation from 2012 when the Australian Department of Agriculture informed the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries that Frontline Plus was not registered for the control of ticks in cats in Australia. Fipronil (S) – methoprene (Frontline Plus) is registered for the control of ticks in cats in other countries, such as the United States, where the same tick species are present.

The external parasite treatments and inspections in the Import Health Standard and post-arrival inspection sufficiently mitigate the risk of exotic ticks entering New Zealand.

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