



Ref: CTO 2014 069 [1]

**Dog: Expired Rabies Vaccination at Time of Rabies Titre Test**

**CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of a dog (Permit to Import Number: 2014053357)**

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 a dog (Permit to Import Number 2014 053357) to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard [Import Health Standard Cats and Dogs: CATDOG.GEN].

Equivalence is granted for Clause 34 (b) of the IHS: the rabies vaccination was not current at the time the blood sample was taken for the rabies titre test. The dog had a satisfactory antibody response. This is likely to be based on the four rabies vaccinations the dog received between 2005 and 2009. The dog was given a current rabies vaccination two weeks after the rabies blood sample was taken. The blood sample for the rabies titre test was taken at least six months prior to the scheduled date of shipment to New Zealand.

These measures demonstrate protection from rabies and cover the six-month incubation period of rabies, linked with microchip identification of the dog.

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

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