



Ref: CTO 2014 086 [1]

Dogs: Four Dogs for Short-stay in Australia (< 30 days)

**CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of four dogs from Australia (Permit to Import number: 2014 053435)**

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

**External parasites Clause 35 of IHS**

One treatment must be given within 4 days prior to export to Australia, then treatment/inspection at least 14 days after the first treatment and in the two days prior to shipment back to New Zealand. (Note: All treatments must be done by a veterinarian and certified by an Official Veterinarian.)

**Internal parasites Clause 37 of IHS**

If the stay is less than two weeks, the first treatment must be given within two days prior to travel back to New Zealand and the second treatment will not be required. All treatments must be done by a veterinarian and certified by an Official Veterinarian.

**Heartworm (*Dirofilaria immitis*), Clause 52 of IHS**

Testing: not required.

***Babesia gibsoni* tests Dogs only, Clause 43 of IHS**

No testing required based on external parasite treatments (as above) and absence of ticks on inspections. If the ectoparasite treatments are non-compliant or if any ticks are found on post-arrival inspection, quarantine and testing for *Babesia gibsoni* will be required.

The requirements above are the same as the short-stay requirements in CTO direction 2013 046 [G] with the exception that the first and second external parasite treatments/inspections were done 16 days apart rather than 'every two weeks'. The data sheet for the product used, that is Frontline Plus, recommends monthly treatment for tick control, and two-monthly treatment for flea control. Therefore, the risk of importing external parasites and/or a NZ-origin dog infected with *B. gibsoni* are mitigated.

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