



Ref: CTO 2015 013 [G]

**Cats and Dogs: NZ-Origin with < 6-months Residency in
an Approved Country Prior to Return to NZ**

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of NZ-origin cats and dogs with less than six-months continuous residency in an approved country or countries prior to return to New Zealand

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Lucy Johnston, Acting Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for cats and 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 2014):

Equivalence from clauses 1.1.1 (5) of the IHS under the following conditions:

- The owner/importer provides a declaration stating that the animal has resided continuously in an approved country or countries since export from New Zealand.
- The animal was identified by a microchip prior to export from New Zealand.
- A copy of the New Zealand export certificate is supplied.
- The animal fully complies with New Zealand rabies import requirements as per 2.1 of the IHS.

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.