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Cats and Dogs: Transit Unapproved Country

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of the assistance dog belonging to Amy Beerens, microchip number 528 140 000 526 673.

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Lucy Johnston, Manager (Acting) Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for the assistance dog belonging to Amy Beerens, microchip number 528 140 000 526 673 to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard *Cats and Dogs* (CATDOG.GEN):

The dog will be flying from the Netherlands with the following itinerary that includes a technical stopover in a country not approved for imports of cats and dogs to New Zealand.

Flight C166: Amsterdam to Taiwan

- Departing 1 Feb 13:20, arrival 2 Feb 16:35
- Technical stopover Bangkok, Thailand.

Flight C155: Taiwan to Christchurch

- Departing 2 Feb 23:00, Arrival 3 Feb 17:45
- Technical stopover Sydney.

The import health standard CATDOG.GEN clause 1.8 (5) requires that dogs may only transit approved countries. In this case the dog will be stopping over in Thailand, but will not exit the transit area of the airport. The dog is vaccinated for rabies, and it is considered the risks associated with this stopover are adequately managed for this assistance dog.

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.