



Ref: CTO 2015 016 [1]

**Cats and Dogs: 2 x Satisfactory Rabies Antibody Titres  
and < 3 Month Period Prior to Shipment**

**CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of a dog that has had two satisfactory rabies antibody tests but less than three months between most recent rabies test and shipment**

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 a dog [microchip number 985 121 004 390 230] 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 2.1 (3) which requires a three-month period from the date of collection of the sample for the rabies antibody test until shipment. This equivalence has been granted based on the dog's rabies antibody titre test and rabies vaccination history.

The dog had an initial rabies antibody titre test on 29 January 2013 with a result of at least 0.5 IU/ml following a rabies vaccination on 1 December 2011. This rabies vaccination had a three-year duration of immunity. The dog had a booster rabies vaccination on 20 November 2014 and a subsequent rabies antibody titre on 20 December 2014 with a result of at least 0.5 IU/ml. There was a duration of 23 months between the initial and subsequent rabies antibody tests. The most recent rabies antibody titre test was done within 24 months prior to shipment.

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.