



Ref: CTO 2015 025 [1]

Dogs: Two Police Dogs - Extension to Tests and Treatments

**CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of two police dogs from the Netherlands:
Microchip numbers 528 140 000 536 421 and 528 140 000 499 453**

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 two police 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 2013).

Extension of time limits for tests and treatments:

Due to *Babesia gibsoni* and *canis* testing delays an extension of a maximum of ten days for tests and treatments may be granted.

One of the dogs has been confirmed as pregnant and needs to be exported from the Netherlands before it reaches 42 days gestation (11 March), as per IHS. If tests and treatments have to be repeated, this would extend the shipment date beyond the date above. Consequently the puppies would not be eligible for import into New Zealand until at least 9-months of age due to rabies import requirements.

The addition of up to ten days is not considered to significantly change the risks or health status of the animals.

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.