



Ref: CTO 2015 033 [G]

Dog: Proven Importer – Quarantine Exemption

### CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of a dog(s) owner by a proven importer

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 clearance to be given in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the Import Health Standard (IHS): CATDOG.GEN.

IHS reference: 1.11 Post-arrival quarantine. Equivalence is granted for post-arrival quarantine under the following conditions

1. The importer owns the pet dog(s) being imported.
2. The importer has demonstrated to MPI a history of regularly importing their pet dog(s) into New Zealand at least twice a year for at least the last five years.
3. The pet dog(s) must receive an additional external parasite inspection and treatment by a registered veterinarian six to seven weeks prior to the date of shipment (two to three weeks prior to the initial external parasite treatment specified in the IHS). This must be either documented in a signed letter from a registered veterinarian on practice letterhead, which must accompany the consignment along with Veterinary Certificates A & B, or incorporated into an amended Veterinary Certificate.
4. The importer must send copies of the draft (unsigned) export certificate and laboratory results to the MPI veterinarian at the port of arrival at least one working day before their arrival.
5. The importer must notify the MPI veterinarians at the port of arrival of their arrival details at least seven working days prior to their arrival.
6. The pet dog(s) must be inspected by a MPI veterinarian upon arrival in New Zealand.
7. Any non-compliant test and/or treatment identified will result in the non-compliant dog(s) being sent to a transitional facility until fully compliant.
8. The detection of fleas or ticks upon arrival inspection will result in the dog(s) in the consignment being placed in quarantine.

This CTO direction is appropriate to pet animals due to the close monitoring of pets and should not be applied to the commercial import of dogs.

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.