



Ref: CTO 2015 044 [1]

Canine Semen: Collection Period > 30 Days

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of canine semen from Finland collected over a period greater than 30 days

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 canine semen from donor 'Aberdeen Remarkable in Paris' (Microchip number 934 000 011 049 261) to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard: Import Health Standard for Frozen Canine Semen from Specified Countries (DOGSEMIC.SPE)]:

VI: Veterinary Certificate, Clause 4: Equivalence is granted to allow the collection period to be greater than 30 days.

Although the IHS requirements state that testing for *Brucella canis* must be done three to six weeks after the final collection of semen; in this instance, testing was done three to six weeks after both collections as the semen collections were five months apart. The testing option for *Leptospira icterohaemorrhagiae* and *L. canicola* has not been used. Instead, antibiotics effective against *Leptospira spp* have been added to the semen diluent, as per the option in the IHS.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with the specified risk organisms for canine semen have been assessed and are managed effectively.

This direction takes effect from the date of signing and continues in effect until amended or revoked.