



Ref: CTO 2019 042 [1]

Cat: Rabies, Internal and External Parasites

### CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to the six month timeframe in a rabies-free county

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Lucy Johnston, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for a cat on a yacht with microchip number 458 098 100 006 654 to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable *Import Health Standard: Cats and Dogs [CATDOG.GEN]*:

Equivalence is given to the following clauses in the IHS:

*Rabies: Clause 2.1 (1) The animal has been resident in a rabies-free country (as defined in the OIE Code) since birth or for the six months immediately prior to the date of shipment.*

The six-month residency period can be taken from the date the yacht with the cat on-board departed Western New Guinea (a non-approved country) i.e. 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

This is based on a satisfactory rabies titre test result on a blood sample taken on 5 September 2018; and a rabies vaccination with a three-year duration of immunity given on 8 June 2018.

*External parasites: Clause 2.2 The cat or dog was treated by a veterinarian twice with a topical product registered for the control of ticks and fleas at the manufacturer's recommended dose and certified as free from external parasites at each treatment: a) The first treatment was given in the 30 days prior to the date of shipment and at least two weeks before the second treatment.*

*Internal parasites: Clause 2.3 The animal has been treated twice with a product (or combination or products) registered for the control of nematodes and cestodes at the manufacturer's recommended dose: a) The first treatment was given in the 30 days prior to the date of shipment and at least two weeks before the second treatment.*

The first internal and external parasite treatments can be administered by a veterinarian on-board the yacht. The details of the treatments i.e. active ingredients used and the date(s) administered must be documented by the veterinarian.

The final treatments will be given in post-arrival quarantine prior to biosecurity clearance.

The above measures are considered to adequately manage the risk of rabies, and exotic internal and external parasites entering New Zealand.

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