



Ref: CTO 2014 160 [1]

Cats and Dogs: PCR Testing *B.canis* and 10 Day Extension

**CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of 'Naila' Dirks Microchip Number: 050570520**

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 the Fijian dog 'Naila' Dirks to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard *IHS: Cats and Dogs* [CATDOG.GEN 2013]:

An extension of a maximum of ten days for tests and treatments may be granted. This is due to practical considerations, which in this case is a delay in reporting laboratory results. An import permit will be required. The addition of up to ten days in this instance is not considered to significantly change the risks or health status of the animal.

One negative PCR test laboratory result certified by a Fijian Official Veterinarian is deemed adequate to confirm that 'Naila' Dirks Microchip Number: 050570520 is *B.canis* negative given the following facts:

- The dog had an initial negative serology result 12 months ago.
- The dog is neutered.
- *B.canis* is not prevalent in Fiji.
- Presence of an RSAT weak positive.
- Clearance of the laboratory reaction with a TAT test using an alternative buffer.

The blood sample for PCR was collected on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014. The Fijian Official Veterinarian may strike out clause 16(c) of the model veterinary certificate for Category 2 countries: Model Veterinary Certificate A - Cats and Dogs from Countries or Territories Recognised as Rabies Free and replace the clause with the following:

16 (c) The dog has had a suspicious RSAT or TAT result and has been subjected to a PCR with a negative result, with the PCR sample collected in the 16 days prior to the date of shipment:

RSAT or TAT sample collection date: .....

PCR sample collection date: .....

'Naila' Dirks Microchip Number: 050570520 must meet all other conditions of the *Import Health Standard: Cats and Dogs* 2013 [CATDOG.GEN].

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.