



Ref: CTO 2014 161 [G]

Cats and Dogs: Faulty Microchips

**CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of cats and dogs.**

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Vicki Melville, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for cats and dogs that have had faulty microchips replaced to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard CATDOG.GEN, issued 28th November 2014:

This direction for clearance is based on the following:

- The animal must be radiographed to show the presence of implanted microchips
- A letter from the veterinarian and/or manufacturer explaining the issue, and including both the old and the new microchip numbers, and verifying the presence of implanted microchips by radiograph
- Permit to Import to show both old and new microchip numbers.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and are managed effectively.