



Ref: CTO 2014 165 [G]

**Dog Semen: Residency in Multiple Approved Countries**

**CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of canine semen.**

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 canine semen where the donor animal has been resident in more than one eligible country in the last 6 months to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard; *frozen canine semen from specified countries (DOGSEMIC.SPE)*:

Where the IHS requires a residency period for the donor animal in the exporting country for a specified minimum amount of time immediately before collection of semen for export to New Zealand, MPI accepts as equivalent residency in any of the countries that are currently approved to export canine semen to New Zealand. Each approved country the donor dog has resided in during the minimum residency period must be listed on the veterinary certification.

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.