



Ref: CTO 2015 050 [G]

Cats and Dogs: Rabies Vaccination and Titre Sample Timeframes Prior to Shipment/Arrival

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, Marnie Thomas, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for cats and dogs to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard [Import Health Standard Cats and Dogs: CATDOG.GEN]:

Equivalence is given for the rabies requirements IHS clauses 2.1 (2) (a), (b), and (3): where the word 'shipment' is used, this can be interchanged with 'arrival in New Zealand'.

This allows the timeframes in these clauses to be based on the date of arrival in New Zealand rather than the date of shipment. This aligns with the process used to assess rabies eligibility as part of the import permit application.

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