



Ref: CTO 2015 049 [G]

Cats and Dogs: Minimum Age for Rabies Vaccination

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of cats and dogs vaccinated against rabies at less than three calendar months of age

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 granted for Clause 2.1 (2) (a) of the IHS to allow the period between the date of birth of the animal and its initial rabies vaccination to be counted as either 90 days or 12 weeks, instead of three calendar months.

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

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