



**Ref: CTO 2018 006 [1]**

Dog: Rabies titre less than 3 months prior to arrival in New Zealand

**CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to a dog shipped from Germany with a rabies titre sample taken less than three months prior to arrival in New Zealand**

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Lucy Johnston, Acting Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for a dog, microchip number 688 038 000 111 998 to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable Import Health Standard for Cats and Dogs (CATDOG.GEN 2014):

Equivalence from clauses 2.1 (3) in the IHS which requires a three-month period from the date of collection of the sample for the rabies antibody test until shipment.

The dog had an initial rabies vaccination at three months of age on 25 September 2017, followed by a rabies neutralising antibody titration test (RNATT) on 28 December 2017 with a result of 4.5 IU/ml.

The dog was scheduled to travel on 28 March 2018 but due to the airlines in Germany changing their equipment, restrictions on the travel of brachycephalic dogs and airline availability, the dog is unable to travel any later than 22 March 2018. The dog is scheduled to travel on 22 March and arrive in New Zealand on 25 March.

Given that CTO direction 2015 050 [G] gives equivalence to allow the word 'shipment' to be interchanged with 'arrival in New Zealand', the dog would arrive in New Zealand, three days short of the three month period after the RNATT sample was taken. This is not considered to significantly alter the risk of rabies entering New Zealand.

The reason for this direction is that the biosecurity risks associated with this commodity have been assessed and are managed effectively. This direction takes effect from the date of signing and continues in effect until amended or revoked.