



Ref: CTO 2018 009 [VS]

Cats and Dogs from Australia: Canine influenza

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to the canine influenza requirement not being covered in either the veterinary certificate from Australia or a canine influenza declaration

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Vicki Meville, Manager Animal Imports (Team 1), Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for cats and dogs from Australia to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable *Import Health Standard: Cats and Dogs (CATDOG.GEN)*.

Equivalence is given to the IHS, clause 2.10 Canine influenza:

- 1) *For at least 21 days prior to shipment:*
 - a) *The cat or dog was not kept in a place where there were cats or dogs showing clinical signs of infectious respiratory disease; and*
 - b) *The cat or dog showed no clinical signs of infectious respiratory disease.*

Due to the urgent amendment of the IHS to include a clause for canine influenza, there will be a period of time when consignments of cats and dogs arrive in New Zealand without an updated veterinary certificate or declaration.

Australia has had no reported cases of canine influenza. If otherwise compliant with the IHS, cats and dogs from Australia should be cleared without restriction.

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.