



Ref: CTO 2018 011 [VS]

Cats and Dogs: Canine influenza

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

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Vicki Melville, Manager Animal Imports (Team 1), Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for cats and dogs from approved countries 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.

As long as the cat or dog does not display any clinical signs of infectious respiratory disease upon arrival and during the post-arrival quarantine period, and MPI has not received notification of canine influenza occurring in the place where the animal has come from, the animal can be released once otherwise compliant with the IHS.

If it becomes apparent that an approved country has not updated their veterinary certificate in a reasonable amount of time, the competent authority of that country will be contacted to ask them to update their veterinary certificate(s) accordingly.

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.