



Ref: CTO 2018 014 [1]

Dogs from USA: *Brucella canis*

**CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to a dog being shipped to New Zealand from the USA with the *Brucella canis* test result pending**

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Lucy Johnston, Manager Animal Imports (Team 2), Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for a dog from the USA, microchip number 981 020 001 704 631 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 2.6 *Brucella canis*: If the *Brucella canis* CPAg-AGID (cytoplasmic agar gel immunodiffusion) test result is still pending, the dog may still be shipped to New Zealand.

The dog was retested after a positive RSAT (rapid slide agglutination test) and had an inconclusive CPAg-AGID test result. Given that the dog was neutered at 3 months of age, it was agreed that the dog could travel as scheduled as it is unlikely that the dog is infected with *Brucella canis*.

If test results are inconclusive or suspicious, the dog will be retested in a transitional facility for cats and dogs (Qualified Pet Services) in New Zealand. The operator of Qualified Pet Services has agreed to accept the dog with this test result pending.

The dog will be released from the transitional facility once it meets the requirements of the import health standard.

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.