Summary of changes to MPI Standard for Cat and Dog Transitional Facility Standard (CATDOG.TF) and associated guidance document

The proposed changes are based on the Import Health Standard for Cats and Dogs, an update to Border Standards Project format, and a general update.

Brief summary of proposed major changes:


2. Supervisor requirements: The Supervisor (previously NZFSA VA) is now part of MPI. Some internal processes will need to be developed and agreed to between Verification Services and Animal Imports.

3. Supervisor reference: Any reference to ‘Supervisor’ has been changed to MPI Inspector. In large, MPI Inspector in the context of this standard refers to an MPI Veterinarian.

4. CTO reference: Any reference to CTO has been changed to MPI. MPI will need to follow Biosecurity Act delegations accordingly.

5. Animal welfare requirements:
   a. that do not relate to biosecurity have been removed;
   b. that relate to biosecurity have been aligned, wherever possible, with the relevant animal welfare codes.

6. Formatting: The standard has been updated to Border Standards Project format i.e. a Standard and a Guidance Document.

7. Operator training: New operators will be required to undergo Operator Training. This is in line with the Transitional Facility Standard for Uncleared Goods (TF GEN). The current TF GEN Operator Training Course is not designed for operators of live animal transitional facilities. A course will be developed.

8. External MPI assessment: This has been aligned with the performance-based external MPI assessment in TF GEN, with the exception of the minimum audit frequency being one year, as opposed to 18 months in TF GEN.