



Ref: CTO 2015 083 [G]

Cats: Adverse Reaction to External Parasite Treatment

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of cats.

Replaces CTO direction(s): [2014 037 [1]]

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

For a cat with a history of adverse reaction to external parasite treatment(s) for ticks and fleas, the requirements for external parasites, section 2.2, will be modified as follows:

- (1) The cat must be treated by a veterinarian once with a topical product registered for the control of fleas at the manufacturer's recommended dose and certified as free from external parasites within two days prior to the date of shipment.
- (2) The cat must be inspected and found to be free of external parasites post-arrival.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and are managed effectively.

This direction takes effect from the date of signing and continues in effect until amended or revoked.