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**Dog: Doxycycline Treatment in Post-Arrival
Quarantine**

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of three dogs from Malaysia

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 three dogs, microchip numbers: 900 012 001 068 623 (Neige), 900 012 001 068 651 (Shakey), 900 012 001 068 585 (Polaris), to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard: Import Health Standard for Cats and Dogs (CATDOG.GEN):

Clause 2.9 (1) of IHS: Equivalence is given to allow the continuation of doxycycline treatment in post-arrival quarantine.

The dogs were subjected to a microscopic agglutination test (MAT) for *Leptospira interrogans* serovar *canicola* on 30 November 2015. All dogs produced weak positive titres i.e. 1:100 or less. These results may be due to the dogs being regularly vaccinated against leptospirosis. However, infection cannot be ruled out and treatment with doxycycline prior to clearance will mitigate the risk of *L. canicola* entering New Zealand.

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.