



Ref: CTO 2017 027 [VS]

**Cats and Dogs from Australia: Non-Compliant
External Parasite, Internal Parasite and/or
Heartworm Treatment(s)**

**CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to cats and dogs imported under the IHS
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Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Vicki Melville, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for cats and dogs in relation to the import health standard: Import Health Standard for Cats and Dogs (CATDOG.GEN):

The cat or dog was treated by a veterinarian twice with a topical product registered for the control of ticks and fleas at the manufacturer's recommended dose and certified as free from external parasites at each treatment:

- a. *The first treatment was given in the 30 days prior to the date of shipment and at least two weeks before the second treatment.*
- b. *The second treatment was given in the two days prior to the date of shipment.*

The animal has been treated twice with a product (or combination of products) registered for the control of nematodes and cestodes at the manufacturer's recommended dose:

- a. *The first treatment was given in the 30 days prior to the date of shipment and at least two weeks before the second treatment.*
- b. *The second treatment was given in the four days prior to the date of shipment.*

All dogs (regardless of age) have either been treated with a product registered for heartworm prevention at the manufacturer's recommended dose in the four days prior to the date of shipment or are up-to-date with a sustained-release injection registered for heartworm prevention.

Cats and dogs from Australia with non-compliant external, and/or internal parasite treatment(s) may be treated once on arrival (as appropriate) with:

- a. A product registered for the control of ticks and fleas at the manufacturer's recommended dose and found, upon inspection by an official veterinarian, to be free from external parasites, and/or
- b. A product (or combination of products) registered for the control of nematodes and cestodes at the manufacturer's recommended dose.

Additionally, dogs from Australia with non-compliant heartworm treatment may be treated on arrival with one of the following treatments:

- a. Ivermectin at 6 mcg/kg
- b. Milbemycin at 0.5 mg/kg
- c. Moxidectin at 2-4 mcg/kg
- d. Selamectin at 6 mg/kg.

The reason for this direction 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.