

Ministry for Primary Industries

Manatū Ahu Matua



Ref: CTO 2013 019

Cats & Dogs: Residency

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of cats and dogs

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Cathy Dyer, Senior Adviser, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for cats and dogs to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the Import Health Standard for Cats and Dogs:

The Import Health Standard requires that: *Animals, except those from Australia, must reside in the country of export for at least the six months (or since birth) immediately preceding the dates of shipment.* This CTO direction will allow that: *Animals may reside in more than one country of export for the six months (or since birth) immediately preceding the date of shipment, provided the countries are approved and of at least equal health status (same category in the Guidance Document).*

This will not change the risk associated with importing cats and dogs.

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

Signed at Wellington this 26th day of August, 2013

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