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**Cats and Dogs: Time Interval Between Parasite Treatments**

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

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Angela Snell, 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 applicable import health standard to import dogs and cats from approved countries (2013):

Two endoparasite and two ectoparasite treatments may be given as few as 12 days apart.

The IHS requires two treatments because some products recommend two and because of the variability in efficacy of some products. The appropriate time interval between treatments is dependent upon many factors, such as the life cycle of the specific risk organism, which are unknown with dog and cat importations. A treatment interval of 12 days is not considered to increase the risk (the IRA provided the option for a single treatment).

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

Signed at Wellington this 17 day of October 2013.

Ministry for Primary Industries  
(Acting under delegated authority)