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Cats: Residency, Rabies

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to two cats on a yacht and the six-month residency period

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Lucy Johnston, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for two cats with microchip numbers 095 829 089 and 104 081 264 on the yacht, SY Cailin Lomhara, in relation to the *Import Health Standard: Cats and Dogs*, catdog.gen

Clause 1.1 of the IHS: Cats and dogs may be imported into New Zealand from approved countries that meet the requirements of this IHS, and

Clause 1.1.1 (4) of the IHS: Animals, except those from Australia, must reside in the country of export for at least the six months (or since birth) immediately preceding the date of shipment, and

Clause 2.1 (1) of the IHS: The animal has been resident in a rabies-free country (as defined in the OIE Code since birth of for the six months immediately prior to the date of shipment.

Equivalence is given to allow the six-month residency period in a rabies-free approved country to be taken from the date the yacht left the Galapagos Islands on 6 June 2017. Documentation has been presented to the satisfaction of MPI which provides assurance that the cats have not travelled to or resided in a non-approved or Category 3 country since 6 June 2017.

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

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