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Live Animals: Residency and Testing in Approved Countries

**CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of live horses, cats, and dogs.**

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Marnie Thomas, Animal Imports Team Manager, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for horses, cats, and dogs to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the Import Health Standards (IHSs) listed below:

Where the IHSs<sup>1</sup> require a residency period in the exporting country for a specified minimum amount of time immediately before export to New Zealand, MPI accepts as equivalent residency in any of the countries that are currently approved<sup>2</sup> to export that species to New Zealand<sup>3</sup>. Evidence of residency in each approved country (from each Competent Authority) is required at the time of import permit application.

Where the IHSs require that testing is conducted at a laboratory approved by the exporting country's veterinary authority<sup>4</sup>, MPI accepts as equivalent testing which is conducted in any of the countries that are currently approved to export that species to New Zealand. Laboratory results or certified copies must be provided as required by the IHSs.

Where the IHSs require that certain vaccinations occur under official veterinary control in the exporting country and/or be government approved<sup>5</sup>, MPI accepts as equivalent vaccination which has occurred under official veterinary control and/or is approved by any of the countries that are currently approved to export that species to New Zealand. Proof of vaccination must be provided as required by the IHSs.

MPI recognises that the other approved countries present different sets of risks, but considers those risks managed through their trading partners' importation requirements. MPI's country approval process assesses those requirements and if approval is granted then there is confidence that the risks are managed at the time of importation. Fulfilment of the residence requirement (and any relevant tests or treatments) in any approved country will therefore manage the risk to New Zealand.

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

Signed at Wellington this 18th day of November, 2013

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(Acting under delegated authority)

<sup>1</sup> horaniic.aus, horaniic.can, horaniic.eu, horaniic.hk, horaniic.jpn, horaniic.usa, catdog.gen

<sup>2</sup> In the case of cats and dogs: Approved countries must be of at least equal health status (same category in Guidance Document).

<sup>3</sup> This CTO does not apply to the PEI period, which must be spent entirely in the country of export.

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