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Cats & Dogs: Short-stay Requirements – Category 2 Countries

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of cats and dogs returning to New Zealand after travel to category 2 countries for 30 days or less

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Vicki Melville, Manager Animal Imports, give the following directions for cats and dogs in the form of measures, different from those in the applicable Import Health Standard for Cats and Dogs (CATDOG.GEN):

External parasites Clause 35

One treatment must be given within the 4 days prior to export from New Zealand, then treatments/inspections are to be repeated every two weeks, with the final treatment/inspection within two days prior to shipment back to New Zealand.

Internal parasites Clause 36

If stay is less than two weeks, the first treatment must be given within the two days prior to travel back to New Zealand, and the second treatment will not be required.

Heartworm (*Dirofilaria immitis*) Dogs only, Clause 52

Testing: not required.

Babesia gibsoni tests Dogs only, Clause 43

No testing required based on external parasite treatments (as above) and absence of ticks on veterinary inspections. If the ectoparasite treatments are non-compliant or if any ticks are found on post-arrival inspection, testing for *Babesia gibsoni* will be required.

Brucella canis Dogs only, Clause 45-49

An owner declaration is required for entire dogs entering New Zealand that the dog has not been mated in the past 44 days, except when mating was to a dog that has been tested-negative for *Brucella canis*.

Leptospirosis, Dogs only, Clauses 54-56

If possible follow the Import Health Standard, but if length of stay does not allow this the chosen option can be carried out in post-arrival quarantine.

The equivalences were approved and recorded in an earlier “short stay” decision document.