



Ref: CTO 2019 014 [1]

Cat: External Parasite Treatments

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to a cat with external parasite treatments given 9 days instead of two weeks apart

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 a cat from Australia with microchip number 953 010 002 078 783 to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable *Import Health Standard: Cats and Dogs (CATDOG.GEN)*.

Equivalence is given to the IHS, clause 2.2: External parasites.

1. *The cat or dog was treated by a veterinarian twice with a topical product registered for the control of ticks and fleas at the manufacturer's recommended dose and certified as free from external parasites at each treatment:*
 - a. *The first treatment was given in the 30 days prior to the date of shipment and at least two weeks before the second treatment.*
 - b. *The second treatment was given in the two days prior to the date of shipment.*

Two external parasite treatments were given nine days apart instead of two weeks apart.

The cat will have been examined three times by a veterinarian for external parasites prior to shipment and will be examined upon arrival in New Zealand by an official veterinarian. This equivalence does not significantly increase the risk of exotic external parasites entering New Zealand.

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.