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**Dogs: Guide Dog from Sweden**

**CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of a guide dog from Sweden imported by the Blind Foundation Guide Dogs, New Zealand: Microchip Number 528 140 000 453 769.**

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Marnie Thomas, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for a guide dog from Sweden, to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard [Import Health Standard Cats and Dogs: CATDOG.GEN].

Equivalence is granted for Clause 21 of the IHS to define this dog as an assistance dog.

This dog does not meet the MPI definition of an assistance dog as per Appendix 1 of the Import Health Standard Cats and Dogs due to Swedish guide dog training organisations not being able to fit the criterion to become a member of the International Guide Dog Federation (IGDF), and the dog not being accompanied by its assisted handler in the cabin of the aircraft. However, Blind Foundation Guide Dogs, New Zealand has provided information to the satisfaction of MPI that explains that the dog has been trained to IGDF standards and for training purposes should be allowed to travel in the cabin of the aircraft with its dog trainer from Sweden.

The dog will be required to go into quarantine upon arrival New Zealand.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with the import of this dog have been assessed and are managed effectively by this CTO direction.

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