



Ref: CTO 2014 115 [G]

**Dogs: NZ-origin Working Dogs used for International  
Emergency or New Zealand Defence Force Activities**

**CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of NZ-origin working dogs used for  
international emergency or New Zealand Defence Force activities**

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 working dogs as specified above to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard: Import Health Standard for Cats and Dogs (CATDOG.GEN):

Due to the lack of, and poor access to veterinary resources whilst these dogs are being used for international emergency or Defence Force activities, applicable test and treatment requirements may be completed in post-arrival quarantine. This excludes rabies requirements. It is also recognised that in some instances, there may be a lack of certification from exporting countries.

All applicable tests and treatments will be completed in post-arrival quarantine in New Zealand, and all other measures in the Import Health Standard met before the dogs are given biosecurity clearance. The risks are therefore considered to be mitigated.

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