



Ref: CTO 2015 007 [G]

**Zoo: Fishing Cat Faecal Test**

**CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of zoo felidae**

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Vicki Melville, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for zoo felids to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard for the importation of zoo felidae from specified countries (zoofelic.all):

Clause 5.1 requires that within 30 days of the scheduled date of shipment the felids are subjected to two faecal examinations, at least 14 days apart, using a sensitive flotation procedure (able to detect 50 eggs per gram) which was negative for hookworm eggs.

This CTO direction allows that the faecal examinations were conducted 13 days apart.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and are managed effectively. Reducing the time to 13 days is not considered to increase the risk. Furthermore the risk is covered by treating the animals twice with a broadspectrum anthelmintic at least 14 days apart.

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