



Ref: CTO 2014 156 [1]

Dog: Doxycycline Treatment in PAQ

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of a dog that has continued doxycycline treatment in post-arrival quarantine

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 dog, microchip number 978 000 000 941 457, 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):

Clause 54 of IHS: Equivalence is given to allow the continuation of doxycycline treatment in post-arrival quarantine.

The dog was subjected to a microscopic agglutination test (MAT) for *L. canicola* on 20 November 2014 with a positive result at 1:50 and negative at 1:100 dilution. This result may be due to the dog being vaccinated against leptospirosis in September 2014 (Vanguard Plus 5 L4). However, infection cannot be ruled out and treatment with doxycycline prior to clearance will mitigate the risk of *Leptospira interrogans* serovar *canicola* entering New Zealand.

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

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