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Dog: Eleven Day Interval between Internal and External Parasite Treatments

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to the interval between internal and external parasite treatments.

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Lucy Johnston, Manager Animal Imports (Team 2), Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for a dog, microchip number, 900 108 000 993 695, to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable *Import Health Standard: Cats and Dogs (CATDOG.GEN)*.

Two external and two internal parasite treatments may be given as few as 11 days apart.

The IHS requires two treatments because some products recommend two and because of the variability in efficacy of some products. The appropriate time interval between treatments is dependent upon many factors, such as the life cycle of the specific risk organism, which are unknown with dog and cat importations. A treatment interval of 11 days is not considered to increase the risk (the IRA provided the option for a single treatment).

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.