



Ref: CTO 2018 048 [1]

Cats from Australia: External Parasite Treatments

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to external parasite treatments given 8 days (instead of two weeks) apart.

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Lucy Johnston, Manager, Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for cats from Australia with microchips numbers 978 101 081 098 798 and 978 101 081 103 567 to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable *Import Health Standard: Cats and Dogs (CATDOG.GEN)*.

Equivalence is given to the IHS, clause 2.3 (1) External parasites:

1. *The cat or dog was treated by a veterinarian twice with a topical product registered for the control of ticks and fleas at the manufacturer's recommended dose and certified as free from external parasites at each treatment:*
 - a) *The first treatment was given in the 30 days prior to the date of shipment and at least two weeks before the second treatment.*
 - b) *The second treatment was given in the two days prior to the date of shipment.*

The first external parasite treatment given to the cats is not registered for the control of ticks. Due to the scheduled date of shipment, two treatments effective against fleas and ticks will be given 8 days (instead of two weeks) apart.

The cats will be examined and certified as free from external parasites at each treatment, and inspected and found to be free of external parasites post arrival (as per the *IHS*).

This equivalence does not significantly increase the risk of exotic external parasites entering New Zealand.

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.