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Dog from Canada: Alternative *Brucella canis* testing

CTO direction as to equivalent measures in relation to further *Brucella canis* testing for a dog from Canada.

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 a dog, microchip # 152259302A, from the USA 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 clause 2.6 (*Brucella canis*) of the IHS to allow PCR (polymerase chain reaction) tests on blood samples taken for three consecutive days to be used to determine the *Brucella canis* health status of the dog. The dog will not be considered infected with *Brucella canis* if three negative PCR test results are received. If any of the PCR tests are positive, further sequencing will need to be done to determine the species of *Brucella* that the dog is infected with.

The dog will be ineligible for import if a *Brucella canis* diagnosis is made.

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