

Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999 - Biosecurity New Zealand

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OMAR B CERSEMEC.ARG 14.02.05 - Cervine Semen To Argentina

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999, I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled cervine semen to Argentina.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 17th day of February 2005.

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MAF Biosecurity New Zealand
(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. Argentina Requirements

Cervine semen exported from New Zealand to Argentina must comply with the import requirements of Argentina listed in this notice as follows:

2.1 An import permit is required for the exportation of cervine semen to Argentina.

2.2 An official veterinarian of New Zealand must certify the following:

2.2.1 For the past 3 years New Zealand has been free from the following diseases:

Akabane
anaplasmosis
anthrax
ruminant babesiosis
bluetongue
bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE)
brucellosis (*B. abortus*, *B. melitensis*)
contagious bovine pleuropneumonia

ephemeral fever
epizootic haemorrhagic disease
foot and mouth disease
haemorrhagic septicemia
hypodermosis (*Hypoderma* spp)
lumpy skin disease
Q fever
rabies
rinderpest
Rift Valley fever
scrapie
screw worm
trypanosomiasis
vesicular stomatitis

Vaccination against these diseases is not permitted in New Zealand.

2.2.2 New Zealand is free of bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

2.2.3 The semen collection centre has been approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry for the export of semen.

2.2.4 The donor animals or any other animals on the semen collection centre showed no evidence or clinical signs of brucellosis (*B abortus*) or tuberculosis at the time of collection of the semen.

2.2.5 The semen was collected and processed under supervision of the centre veterinarian and kept in straws labelled with the name of the donor, centre's approval number and the date of collection.

2.2.6 The donor animals were either born New Zealand or have lived in New Zealand for the 2 years prior to the collection of semen to be exported.

2.2.7 During the 12 months prior to the collection of the semen the farm of origin of the donor animals has remained free of brucellosis and is officially free of tuberculosis.

2.2.8 During the past 12 months, no cases of leptospirosis, chronic bacterial enteritis, campylobacteriosis, tuberculosis, brucellosis, bovine infectious rhinotracheitis or malignant catarrhal fever have been diagnosed on the farm of origin of the donor animals or on the contiguous farms.

2.2.9 During the 60 days prior to the collection of semen to be exported the donor animals were examined by the centre veterinarian and found to be clinically free of contagious diseases.

2.2.10 During the 60 days prior to the collection of semen to be exported the donor animals were not mixed or grazed with any other animals not of the same health status.

2.2.11 Within the 30 days prior to collection of the semen, the donor animals and teaser animals (if used) were subjected to the following tests with negative results:

2.2.11.1 Tuberculosis using an intradermal tuberculin test (negative according to New Zealand domestic standards). Date of test.

2.2.11.2 Brucellosis (*B abortus*) using the serum agglutination test (negative at a dilution of 1/50). Date of test.

NB. Testing in 2.2.11.2 must be carried out at a laboratory approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry to undertake testing for export certification.

2.2.12 The shipping container used for the consignment of semen was examined by a centre veterinarian and cleaned and disinfected for export of semen to Argentina.

2.2.13 The semen was kept in secure premises under supervision of the centre veterinarian until it was exported.

2.2.14 The sealing of the transport container prior to export was performed under supervision of an official veterinarian and sealed with a mark or number.

3. Definitions

For the purposes of this document:

Any term or expression that is defined in the Animal Products Act 1999 and used, but not defined in this document, has the same meaning as in this Act.

4. Revocations

CERSEMEC.ARG 30.03.04 – cervine semen to Argentina is revoked and replaced by this OMAR notification.

Explanatory note

These overseas market access requirements are based on the current export certificate for corvine semen to Argentina dated 14 February 2005.

**Additional Information on OMAR Notification: CERSEMEC.ARG
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1. An import permit is required.