



Cats and Dogs to Australia (OMAR)

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Animal Products Notice: Cats and Dogs to Australia

COMMENCEMENT

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 1 July 2025

REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- Dogs and Cats to Australia (OMAR), dated 7 April 2025

ISSUING AUTHORITY

This Animal Products Notice is issued under section 167(1) of the Animal Products Act 1999 for the purposes of s 60.

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Introduction

This introduction is not part of the Animal Products Notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

Purpose

The purpose of this export requirements notice is to set out the zoosanitary requirements for cats and dogs intended for export to Australia.

Background

The Animal Products Act 1999 provides the controls and mechanisms needed to give and to safeguard official assurances or zoosanitary certificates to facilitate the entry of animal material including live animals, hatching eggs, semen and embryos, and products into overseas markets.

Notices issued as Overseas Market Access Requirements (OMARs) under section 60(1)(a) and (b) of the Animal Products Act specify the requirements that are necessary or desirable for the purpose of facilitating access to overseas markets or are in accordance with the requirements of the relevant authority of the importing country.

OMARs may also determine the form and content of the official assurances that can be issued for animal material or product, including live animals, hatching eggs, semen or embryos, which meet the specified requirements.

Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

- (1) Exporters of cats and dogs to Australia.
- (2) Veterinarians employed by a Veterinary Practice listed by MPI (<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/resources-and-forms/registers-and-lists/veterinary-practices-for-certification-of-dogs-and-cats-to-australia/>) and who are individually authorised by MPI to certify cats and dogs to Australia.

Why is this important?

This Notice is important because it sets out the requirements that need to be met so that the required export certificate or an official assurance can be issued to demonstrate that the cats and dogs meet the requirements for export to Australia which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of Australia, has determined will apply.

For the purposes of section 135(1)(c) of the Animal Products Act 1999, a failure to comply with this Notice without reasonable excuse is an offence.

Operating other than in accordance with this Notice may result in the cats and dogs being ineligible for export.

Other information

Liability

Section 61A of the Animal Products Act 1999 states that:

The Crown is not liable, and nor is the Director-General or any employee of the Ministry liable, for any loss arising through the refusal or failure of the relevant authority of an overseas market to admit export animal material or animal product to that market.

Related documents and resources

OMAR documents can be downloaded from <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/export-requirements/omars-for-live-animals-semen-and-embryos/>

When you click on the + symbol on the right-hand side of any OMAR document, you can view the related information and documents (guidance document and export certificate template).

A sample version of the export certificate is included in Part 4 of this OMAR.

The **Guidance Document** details the operational requirements that apply to veterinary practices and veterinarians regarding the certification of cats and dogs to Australia and contains:

- MPI requirements for the listing of private veterinary practices for the certification of cats and dogs for export to Australia.
- MPI requirements for private veterinarians to certify cats and dogs for export to Australia.
- All necessary forms and links to enable private veterinary practices and private veterinarians to meet these requirements.

Document History

Refer to *Appendix 1*

Part 1: Requirements

1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to the export of cats and dogs from New Zealand to Australia, other than those cats and dogs set out in clause 1.1(2)a-e).
- (2) This Notice does not apply to the following cats and dogs:
 - a) A cat or dog that has been issued with an import permit and or a dispensation or equivalence by the Australian Government.
 - b) A dog that has resided at any time in its life in mainland Africa.
 - c) A cat or dog that is being exported to Australia for onward certification to another country within 30 days of arriving in Australia, using testing, vaccinations and/or treatments administered in New Zealand.
 - d) A cat or dog that is being exported to Australia and returning to New Zealand within 30 days.
 - e) A cat or dog being certified by a MPI Official Veterinarian.

1.2 Definitions

- (1) In this Notice, unless the context otherwise requires:

Act means the Animal Products Act 1999.

Animal Health Laboratory (AHL) means the MPI Animal Health Laboratory which provides diagnostic testing services for exporters of live animals or germplasm and diagnostic tests for specific agents not available elsewhere. (The full title of the laboratory is Investigation and Diagnostic Centres and Response – Wallaceville, Animal Health Laboratory).

Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) means the Australian competent authority.

Exporter means the animal's owner or a registered pet exporter or the owner's representative.

Hybrid means the crossing of a domestic animal such as a cat (*Felis catus*) or dog (*Canis lupus familiaris*) with a wild animal.

Listed Veterinary Practice means a veterinary practice that has been listed in Part 3 of this notice.

MPI Listing Number means the number a Listed Veterinary Practice is issued with under the Cats and Dogs to Australia OMAR.

Veterinarian means a person registered with the Veterinary Council of New Zealand who holds a current practicing licence.

- (2) A term used in this Notice that is defined in the Act or the Animal Product Regulations 2021 has the meaning given to it in the Act or those Regulations.

1.3 General requirements for export

- (1) Cats and dogs for export from New Zealand to Australia must be accompanied by an export certificate (AUPET9), a sample version is included in Part 4 of this Notice.
- (2) Cats and dogs for export from New Zealand to Australia are to fully comply with the Animal Products Notice: Export Requirements for Live Animals Microchipping.
- (3) The export certificate (AUPET9) must be completed by a veterinarian employed by a Veterinary Practice listed in Part 3 of this notice and who is authorised by the Veterinary Practice to certify cats and dogs to Australia.

- (4) The export certificate must be set out on MPI security paper in the form of a pre-printed certificate.
- (5) Cats and dogs exported from New Zealand to Australia must meet the technical requirements set out in clause 1.4.
- (6) The export certificate must include the information about how the cat or dog meets the requirements set out in clause 1.4.
- (7) Cats and Dogs for export from New Zealand to Australia must be accompanied by an **Owner Statutory Declaration** completed by the owner of the animal and witnessed by a Justice of the Peace if the animal is presented for export by a representative who has the authority to act on the owners behalf.

1.4 Technical requirements for export

1.4.1 Clinical examination

- (1) Each cat or dog must undergo a clinical examination and be checked for all the matters set out in clauses 1.4.2 – 1.4.9.
- (2) Animals with known health conditions (i.e., respiratory or cardiac problems, recent surgery, on medication, etc.) must be comprehensively assessed for fitness to travel.
- (3) If the health of the animal deteriorates between the time of the examination and the time of departure, then a further clinical examination and re-evaluation of the animal regarding suitability of fitness to travel is required.

1.4.2 Microchip

- (1) The cat or dog must be microchipped with an International Standard Organisation (ISO) compatible microchip.
- (2) The microchip must be scanned and verified prior to undertaking any required test or treatment, and prior to the clinical examination for certification.
- (3) The microchip number must be present on all documentation including the blood test results, and Owner Statutory Declaration (where applicable).

1.4.3 Age of cat or dog

- (1) At the time of the clinical examination for certification, the cat or dog must be at least 8 weeks of age.

1.4.4 Pregnancy

- (1) At the time of the clinical examination the cat or dog must not be more than 40 days pregnant.
- (2) At the time of the clinical examination the cat or dog must not be suckling young.

1.4.5 Residency

- (1) The cat or dog must:
 - a) have been continuously resident in New Zealand since birth, or
 - b) have been continuously resident in New Zealand since direct import from Australia, or
 - c) have resided in New Zealand for at least 180 days prior to the scheduled date of export, and not be under any New Zealand quarantine restrictions during the 180-day period before export.

Guidance

- In the case of imported animals, residency begins on the first full calendar day after release from post arrival quarantine.

- (2) In the case of a dog it must not have resided in mainland Africa.

1.4.6 Breed

- (1) The cat or dog must not be derived from a domestic/non-domestic hybrid.

The following dogs are derived from a domestic/non-domestic hybrid and are not eligible for import to Australia:

- Czechoslovakian wolfdog or Czechoslovakian Vlcak
- Saarloos wolfdog or Saarloos wolfhound
- Lupo Italiano or Italian wolfdog
- Kunming wolfdog or Kunming dog.

- (2) The following cats are derived from a domestic/non-domestic hybrid and are not eligible for import to Australia:

- Savannah cat - domestic cat (*Felis catus*) crossed with serval cat (*Felis serval*),
- Safari cat - domestic cat crossed with Geoffroy cat (*Oncifelis geoffroyi*),
- Chausie - domestic cat crossed with Jungle cat (*Felis chaus*),
- Toyger cat - domestic cat crossed with Asian leopard cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*).
- Bengal cat (see below) - domestic cat crossed with Asian leopard cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*).

Guidance

- Until 28 February 2025, Australia may continue to permit the import of Bengal cats that are five generations or more removed from their wild ancestor by issuing a letter of permission.
- Permission for the importation of a Bengal cat can only be obtained from the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water at exotic.species@dcceew.gov.au
- The letter of permission must be provided to the certifier and attached to the issued export certificate.
- Bengals which have been issued a letter of permission from the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water must be exported before 28 February 2026. Bengal cats which have not secured the letter of permission will not be permitted into Australia.
- MPI understands that the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water may not provide permissions for the importation of Bengals after 1 March 2025.

- (3) In the case of a dog, the dog must not be one of the following pure breeds:

- Pit Bull Terrier
- American Pit Bull
- Japanese Tosa
- Fila Brasileiro
- Dogo Argentino
- Perro de Presa Canario
- Presa Canario

1.4.7 Testing of dogs

- (1) Where a dog has not been continuously resident in New Zealand since birth, or since it was imported from Australia, it must be tested for *Leishmania infantum*, with negative results, as follows:
 - a) The blood sample must be collected at least 21 days after the dog has been released from post arrival quarantine.
 - b) The blood sample must be submitted to the MPI Animal Health Laboratory.
 - c) The blood sample must be tested using an indirect fluorescent antibody test (IFAT) or an antibody enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA).
 - d) In the case of an unfavourable result, the Animal Health Laboratory can arrange to have the blood sample retested at an approved laboratory in Australia.
 - e) A copy of the result must be attached to the issued export certificate.

1.4.8 Parasite treatment

- (1) The cat or dog must be treated for parasites within five (5) days of the scheduled time of departure.
- (2) The parasite treatment must be effective against internal parasites (nematodes and cestodes) and external parasites using drugs registered for that purpose in New Zealand and approved by Australia from the treatments in the link below:

<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/cats-dogs/step-by-step-guides/parasite-treatment>

1.4.9 Transport

- (1) The cat or dog must be transported to Australia in accordance with the IATA Live Animal Regulations.
<https://www.iata.org/en/youandiata/travelers/traveling-with-pets/>
- (2) The cat or dog must not pose an undue health and safety risk to the veterinarian, the handler, airline or border staff.

1.5 Laboratories

- (1) Where this Notice requires any test to be undertaken at a laboratory, unless otherwise stated, the test must be carried out at a laboratory recognised by MPI for this testing.

Part 2: Listing requirements

2.1 Listing of a veterinary practice

- (1) All Veterinary Practices intending to authorise any veterinarian employed to provide export certificates must be Listed in Part 3 of this Notice and in accordance with this Notice.
- (2) A Veterinary Practice applying for Listing must provide the following documents to accompany the application:
 - a) The veterinary practice's manual for the export of cats and dogs to Australia.
 - i) The veterinary practice manual serves both cats and dogs to Australia as well as canine semen of New Zealand Origin.
 - b) Evidence that the veterinary practice employs veterinarians who have undertaken appropriate training in providing export certificates including the online training module for cats and dogs to Australia.
 - c) Evidence that the veterinary practice has undergone a successful audit of its training processes.
 - d) Any other information requested.

Guidance

- All Listed Veterinary Practices are automatically Listed to additionally perform certification for cats and dogs and canine semen of New Zealand origin to Australia.
- Not all Listed Veterinary Practices have the facilities to perform collection, and storage of canine semen.
- See the Animal Products Notice: Canine Semen of New Zealand Origin for more information on which veterinary practices are listed for the provision of export certification for canine semen of New Zealand origin to Australia.

2.2 Renewal of Listing

- (1) Each Veterinary Practice will be Listed for one (1) year.
- (2) Application for renewal of Listing must include the matters in clause 2.1 a) to d).
- (3) Application for renewal of Listing must include any information relating to previous export certificate non compliances.
- (4) MPI reserves the right to withhold or remove the listing of a Veterinary Practice.

2.3 Withdrawal of Listing

- (1) The Listing of the Veterinary Practice will be withdrawn if requested by the Vet Practice, via email to MPI.
- (2) All blank pre-printed export certificates must be couriered back to the Service Provider in their original condition to be eligible for a refund.

Part 3: Listed Veterinary Practices

3.1 Upper North Island

Listing Number	Veterinary Practice (Alphabetically)	Address	Suburb	City	Telephone
1125	Albany Veterinary Hospital	416 Albany Highway	Albany	Auckland	09 415 8909
1103	Auckland Pet Hospital	46-48 Pollen Street	Grey Lynn	Auckland	09 360 0961
1157	Buckland's Beach Veterinary Hospital Ltd	340 Buckland Beach Road	Buckland Beach	Auckland	09 534 8118
1026	Franklin Vets Pukekohe	86 Harris Street	Pukekohe	Pukekohe	09 238 7486
1031	Henderson Valley Vet	Shop 1-3/225 Henderson Valley Road	Henderson	Auckland	09 838 3070
1189	Greenlane Veterinary Centre	246 Great South Road	Greenlane	Auckland	09 524 6415
1135	Mangere Vet Clinic	95 Coronation Road	Mangere Bridge	Manukau	09 636 6732
1114	Northland Veterinary Group	16-18 Maunu Road	Whangarei	Whangarei	09 470 1060
1228	Remuera Vet Clinic	23 Ascot Avenue	Remuera	Auckland	09 520 1647
1064	Sommerville Veterinary Centre	15 Whitford Road	Howick	Auckland	09 537 0111
1265	The Voyaging Vet	Mobile Vet	North, Central & West Auckland	Auckland	021 2233 952
1263	True Vets	1/240 Ormiston Road	Flat Bush	Auckland	09 265 2838
1085	Veterinary Associates Takanini	152A Great South Road	Takanini	Auckland	09 299 8250
1264	Vet Man – Cat & Dog Exports	17 Waituarua Drive	Takanini	Auckland	022 040 1009
1268	Your Mobile Vet	80D Main Road	Kumeu	Auckland	027 559 0889

3.2 Central and Lower North Island

Listing Number	Veterinary Practice	Address	Suburb	City	Telephone
1258	3 Stone Veterinary Services Ltd	923 Alexandra Street	Te Awamutu	Hamilton	07 870 2696
1254	Animal Medical Centre	114 Middleton Road	Churton Park	Wellington	04 478 3880
1210	Cambridge Vets	41 Empire Street	Cambridge	Cambridge	07 827 7099
1107	Care Vets Kilbirnie	35 Mahora Street	Kilbirnie	Wellington	04 387 3622
1019	Care Vets Napier	120 Taradale Road	Onekawa	Napier	06 842 2033
1020	Central City Vets	1380 Pukuatua Street		Rotorua	07 347 7448
1021	Central Hutt Veterinary Clinic	8 Hardy Street	Waterloo	Lower Hutt	04 569 3939
1129	Care Vets Hamilton	Lynden Court	Chartwell	Hamilton	07 855 9072
1200	Energy Vets Taranaki	16 Kelly Street	Inglewood	New Plymouth	06 756 7228
1038	Karori Veterinary Clinic	20 Parkvale Road	Karori	Wellington	04 476 3555
1212	Levin Horowhenua Veterinary Centre Ltd	518 Queen Street		Levin	06 368 2891
1146	Koru Vets	35c Totara Street		Mount Maunganui	07 572 4200
1048	New Plymouth Districts Veterinary Group	235 Devon Street East		New Plymouth	06 758 4006
1056	Pet Doctors Dinsdale	42 Whatawhata Road	Dinsdale	Hamilton	07 847 2669
1172	Pet Doctors Palmerston North	84 Pitt Street		Palmerston North	06 357 5887
1060	Rappaw Veterinary Care	3/73 Kenepuru Drive	Porirua	Wellington	04 233 8059
1118	South Wairarapa Vet Services	3240 State Highway 2		Carterton	06 379 6767
1208	Taradale Veterinary Hospital	133 Gloucester Street	Taradale	Napier	06 844 2009
1247	Taupo Veterinary Centre	1/258 Spa Road	Taupo	Taupo	07 378 5433

1122	Tauranga Vets	424 Cameron Road		Tauranga	07 578 4044
1256	TCI Veterinary Services	25 Manchester Street	Feilding	Manawatu	02 1124 4365
1149	Te Puke Veterinary Centre	2 Jellicoe Street		Te Puke	07 573 7606
1267	The Vet House	452b Tauwhare Road	Matangi	Hamilton	07 829 5676
1151	Totally Vets	25 Manchester Street	Feilding	Manawatu	06 323 6161
1183	V.E Veterinary Services	442 Sloane Street		Te Awamutu	07 871 3091
1077	Vetcare Ltd	20 Chapel Street		Masterton	06 377 7955
1078	Vetcare Tauranga	182 Moffat Road	Bethlehem	Tauranga	07 576 9555
1224	VetPlus	Nukuhau Street		Taupo	07 376 2800
1105	Vet Services (HB) Ltd	170 Taradale Road	Pirimai	Napier	06 843 5308
1161	The Vet Clinic Wairarapa	24 Lincoln Road	Masterton	Masterton	06 378 2662
1164	VETS on Carlton	60 Carlton Avenue		Wanganui	06 345 5672

3.3 South Island

Listing Number	Veterinary Practice	Address	Suburb	City	Telephone
1155	Avonhead Vets	207 Withells Road		Christchurch	03 358 4407
1147	Redwood Veterinary Clinic	395 Main North Road	Redwood	Christchurch	03 352 4279
1233	Remarkable Vets	1079 Malghans Road		Arrowtown	03 442 1411
1062	Rolleston Veterinary Services Ltd	5 Brookside Road	Rolleston	Christchurch	03 347 9682
1177	Shirley Vet Clinic	15 Marshland Road	Shirley	Christchurch	03 385 6156
1071	The Straven Road Veterinary Centre	8 Straven Road	Riccarton	Christchurch	03 348 9728
1150	Vet Marlborough	7 Redwood Street		Blenheim	03 577 9822
1239	Vetlife Richmond	79 Gladstone Road	Richmond	Nelson	03 544 5566
1092	Vetlife Wanaka	2 Balneaves Lane		Wanaka	03 443 6409
1262	K9HQ Ltd	693 Marshlands Road	Ouruhia	Christchurch	03 741 6276

Part 4: Export Certificate (AUPET9)

The MPI Cats and Dogs to Australia Export Certificate Sample is a sample version of the agreed export certificate (AUPET9) which must accompany the cat or dog being exported to Australia if the cat or dog fully satisfies the criteria for the export certificate (AUPET9).

Cats and Dogs from New Zealand to Australia EXPORT CERTIFICATE NUMBER: AA Exporter Declaration

Ministry for Primary Industries
Manatū Ahu Matua



I, _____, being the being the **Owner** ☐ **Registered Exporter** ☐ **Representative** ☐ (tick one), do solemnly and sincerely declare in relation to the cat or dog destined for export to Australia, and as identified below,

Microchip Number:

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Name of animal	Species	Breed	Sex	Colour	Date of birth

- The identified animal was continuously resident in New Zealand since birth or since imported from Australia, or has resided in New Zealand for at least 180 days prior to the scheduled date of export and was not under any quarantine restriction during the 180 days before export.
- The animal for export must be at least 8 weeks old at the time of certification.
- If the animal is **female**, it will not be more than 40 days pregnant, nor suckling young at the time of export.
- The animal is not derived from a domestic/non-domestic hybrid. (Refer to note 7.)
- In the case of a **cat** being a Bengal, I have sought and received permission by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.
- In the case of a **dog**, I have read and understood note 8 and the dog is not one of the restricted pure breeds mentioned.
- In the case of a **dog**: (Tick only one point as appropriate)
 - ☐ has been continuously resident in New Zealand since birth
 - ☐ has been continuously resident in New Zealand since imported from Australia
 - ☐ has been continuously resident in New Zealand since import from a country other than Australia or mainland Africa or the residency history is unknown, and the dog has been resident in New Zealand for at least 21 days prior to the test for *Leishmania infantum*
- In the case of a **dog**: it has **not** been resident in mainland Africa.
- If travelling by air the animal will be transported in accordance with the container requirements specified in the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animals Regulations.

The residential address in New Zealand	The residential address of the destination in Australia	Scheduled date of export	Scheduled flight number/ vessel name
		D D / M M M / Y Y Y Y	

Signature of Exporter: _____

Date: D D / M M M / Y Y Y Y

Veterinary Certification

I, _____, being a registered veterinarian in the MPI Listed Veterinary Practice am authorised to certify live cats and dogs to Australia, and hereby confirm after due enquiry with respect to the animal described above, that:

- I have no reason to doubt the exporter's declaration.
- New Zealand is free from rabies.
- For dogs only, canine brucellosis (*Brucella canis*), leptospirosis (*Leptospira canicola*) and indigenous cases of, and established populations of competent vectors for leishmaniasis have not been confirmed in New Zealand during the 12 months prior to export.
- In the case of a **dog**: (tick one)

EITHER ☐ I am satisfied by the exporter's declaration that the dog has been continuously resident in New Zealand since birth, or since it was imported from Australia;

OR ☐ The dog tested negative to an indirect fluorescent antibody test (IFAT) or an enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) for *Leishmania infantum* on a blood sample collected after it has resided in New Zealand for at least 21 days:

Date of sample collection	Test Used
D D / M M M / Y Y Y Y	

- The animal has been treated for external and internal parasites within 5 days of the scheduled time of export:

	Name of product	Active ingredient(s)
External parasite treatment		
Internal parasite treatment		

- I have examined the animal for export and scanned and confirmed the microchip within 5 days of the scheduled time of export and have found the animal to be free from external parasites and clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease and is fit for travel.
- Additional health/treatment information is attached. (If appropriate)

MPI Listed Practice Number: _____ MPI Listed Practice name: _____

MPI Listed Practice Address: _____

MPI Listed Practice Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Signature of Veterinarian: _____

Date: D D / M M M / Y Y Y Y

Export certification notes

1. This certificate replaces that dated 1 March 2023.
2. For general enquiries regarding this export certificate contact AsureQuality on 0508 00 11 22 or email exports@asurequality.com
3. Ensure ALL parts of the certificate are filled out in accordance with the MPI requirements and guidance for Cats and Dogs to Australia. Where possible have the certificate peer reviewed for accuracy by a colleague prior to issuing to the exporter.
4. The MPI Listed Veterinary Practice must email copies of completed export certificates within ten working days to exports@asurequality.com. Copies of the completed export certificate are not to be sent to the Ministry for Primary Industries.
5. A Permit to Import is not required from the Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF).
6. The exporter must give DAFF at least three days notice of the animal's arrival in Australia. This should be done by emailing the regional office in the state/territory in which the animal will first arrive in Australia. Current email addresses are available on the department's website: <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/cats-dogs/step-by-step-guides/category-1-new-zealand>. Information which must be included on the email include:
 - date and estimated time of arrival
 - flight number or vessel name
 - air waybill number
 - a short description of the cat/dog including microchip number
 - a contact phone number in New Zealand or Australia
 - the address at which the animal is to reside in Australia
 - whether the dog is an assistance dog
7. In accordance with the Australian Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act), cats and dogs derived from a domestic/non-domestic hybrid are not eligible for import to Australia.
For dogs, this includes Czechoslovakian wolfdog or Czechoslovakian Vlcak, Saarloos wolfdog or Saarloos wolfhound, Lupo Italiano or Italian wolfdog and Kunming wolfdog or Kunming dog.
For cats, this includes the Savannah cat - domestic cat (*Felis catus*) crossed with serval cat (*Felis serval*), Safari cat - domestic cat crossed with Geoffroy cat (*Oncifelis geoffroyi*), Chausie - domestic cat crossed with Jungle cat (*Felis chaus*) and Bengal cat - domestic cat crossed with Asian leopard cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*).
Note – in certain circumstances, the Department may permit the import of Bengal cats that are five generations or more removed from their wild ancestor.
 If you plan to import a Bengal cat, contact Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water at exotic.species@dcceew.gov.au to confirm your cat satisfies the requirements.
8. In accordance with the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956, the following pure breeds cannot be imported to Australia: Pit Bull Terrier or American Pit Bull, Japanese Tosa, Fila Brasileiro, Dogo Argentino, Perro de Presa Canario or Presa Canario.
 For more information on prohibited dog breeds, contact the Department of Home Affairs on +61 2 6264 1111 or 131 881 (within Australia).
9. The certifying veterinarian must examine the animal and scan and confirm the microchip number prior to completing the export certificate.
10. At each veterinary visit, the animal's microchip must be scanned, and the microchip number must be correctly recorded on all documentation in accordance with the Animal Products Notice: Export Requirements for Live Animals Microchipping, for all testing, treatment, and examinations relevant for certification to Australia.
11. The exporter declaration must be completed in full at the time of certification and before the animals are examined by the certifying veterinarian. If the owner is not present at the time of certification (i.e. the exporter declaration is signed by an exporter or representative) an owner's statutory declaration signed in the presence of a Justice of the Peace or other person authorised to take a statutory declaration, must be presented to the certifying veterinarian and kept on file.
12. The certifying veterinarian should only sign the Export Certificate once the whole certificate, including the exporter declaration, has been completed and he/she has examined the animal and confirmed that it is fit to travel.
13. For dogs that require *Leishmania infantum* testing, the test must be done only after the dogs have been resident in New Zealand for a minimum of 21 days. Residency starts on the first full day of release from New Zealand quarantine. This testing remains valid for subsequent exports of the dog from New Zealand to Australia if the dog remains continually resident in either New Zealand or Australia.
14. Samples for *Leishmania infantum* testing are to be sent to the Animal Health Laboratory (IDC), Wallaceville. For enquiries, contact the laboratory on 04 894 5600. Copies of the test results must be attached to this certificate.
15. Dogs which have ever resided in mainland Africa, are not eligible to be certified on this certificate, and must be certified by an Official MPI Veterinarian using the *Dogs and Cats to Australia, Official Assurance (AUPETOA9)*.
16. Parasite treatment must be effective against internal (effective against nematodes and cestodes) and external parasites (that kills ticks and fleas on contact) using drugs registered for that purpose in New Zealand. Generally, oral external parasite treatments do not meet Australian import conditions and should therefore not be relied upon for exporting dogs and cats to Australia. The department's website includes a table of acceptable parasite treatments for use in preparing dogs and cats for export to Australia - <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/cats-dogs/step-by-step-guides/parasite-treatment>. The list is not exhaustive but where an exporter wishes to use an unlisted product, they should contact the department first to check that it will be appropriate.
17. Additional health information should include a letter on a practice letterhead detailing any health conditions of the animal that could affect its clearance in Australia, and relevant laboratory results (*Leishmania infantum*) if applicable.
18. Cats and dogs travelling by air must be transported to Australia in accordance with the container requirements specified in the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animals Regulations. These specify, among other things that the container must: be strong enough to prevent the animal escaping, allow the animal to have enough space to turn around normally while standing, to stand and sit erect, and lie in a natural position. For more details regarding IATA regulations contact the airline. The IATA standards have been developed to prevent escape and injury during transportation.
 Assistance dogs may travel with their handler in the cabin – contact your airline for clarification of their requirements for dogs travelling in cabin.
19. The MPI Listed Practice Number is the unique number allocated by MPI to the Veterinary Practice where the certifying veterinarian is permitted to provide certification.
20. Documentation must be in order and all import requirements must be met.
21. The original export certificate must accompany the animal.
22. Any animal arriving in Australia having not met their requirements may be ordered into quarantine or re-shipped to New Zealand at the importer's expense.

Appendix 1 – Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
1 July 2025	Part 3 – Veterinary Practice Listings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address change of a veterinary practice.
7 April 2025	Part 1 (1.2 (1))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition of hybrid definition
	Part 1 (1.4.6 (2))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition of Toyger as a prohibited breed.
	Part 1 (1.4.8 (2))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DAFF website link to the list of approved parasite treatment has been updated.
	Part 3 – Veterinary Practice Listings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address change of a veterinary practice. Withdrawal of a veterinary practice from the list.
6 February 2025	Part 1 (1.4.6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional guidance regarding Bengal cats.
	Part 3 – Veterinary Practice Listings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address change of a veterinary practice Addition of a veterinary practice to the list.
02 December 2024	Part 3 – Veterinary Practice Listings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Withdrawal of veterinary practices from the list. Addition of veterinary practices to the list.
	Part 4 – Veterinary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple editorial updates to terminology. Multiple formatting updates for clarity of clauses and requirements, Inclusion of capturing parasite treatments administered.
06 September 2024	Part 3 – Veterinary Practice Listings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple editorial updates to established veterinary practice listings. Withdrawal of veterinary practices from the list.
01 July 2024	All Sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Operational Code for Cats and Dogs to Australia which contained requirements for the export certification of cats and dogs to Australia has been disestablished. The requirements for export certification of cats and dogs to Australia are now captured in this Animal Products Notice: Cats and Dogs to Australia (OMAR), dated 1 July 2024. Other information to facilitate the process of providing export certification for cats and dogs to Australia is captured in the associated Guidance Document: Cats and Dogs to Australia (GD). The Official Assurance for cats and dogs to Australia (AUPETO9) has been separated from the previous cats and dogs to Australia OMAR and is now an individual OMAR: Cats and Dogs to Australia, Official Assurance OMAR.

01 November 2023	All sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A separate Official Assurance has been agreed and issued under this OMAR to accompany animals which require MPI Official Veterinary certification. • The addition of the updated import requirement to facilitate treatment for <i>Babesia canis</i> administered by the intramuscular route.
01 March 2023	All sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New OMAR format • Updates to reflect the current name of the Australian competent authority. • Updates to reflect the current MPI logo and branding. • Minor grammatical and formatting updates.
	Veterinary certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of <i>Ehrlichia canis</i> testing requirement. • Removal of the country disease status statement relating to <i>Ehrlichia canis</i>. • Addition of the specified route of administration for imidocarb dipropionate.
	Exporter declaration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residency period for imported cats and dogs has increased to 180 days. • The addition of a specific clause to facilitate the accurate certification of Bengal cats which have been granted permission for importation. Bengal cats are classed as a domestic/non- domestic hybrid and the class of domestic/ non-domestic hybrid are prohibited for importation into Australia.