

Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999

Regulation & Assurance Branch, Animal Health & Welfare Directorate, Ministry for Primary Industries

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1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60, section 60A, section 62(1) and section 167 of the Animal Products Act 1999 I notify the following:

(i) the issue under section 167 of the Overseas Market Access Requirements for cats and dogs to Australia, PETANI.AU dated 01 July 2018;

(ii) the revocation and replacement of the Overseas Market Access Requirements for cats and dogs to Australia, DOMANIEC.AU, dated 1 July 2015;

This notice takes effect from 01 July 2018.

Dated at Wellington this 8th day of June 2018.

Signed: Howard Pharo
Manager Import and Export Animals
Animal Health & Welfare Directorate
Regulation & Assurance Branch
(acting under delegated authority)

2. Australia requirements

Cats and dogs exported from New Zealand to Australia must be accompanied by an export certificate as specified below. It must be completed and certified, after due enquiry, by an MPI Approved Veterinarian for the cats and dogs to Australia export programme.

<p>Explanatory Note: If the export certificate is not certified then the cats and dogs do not satisfy the conditions in the notice. Likewise, if the cats and dogs do not satisfy the export requirements in the certificate, then the certificate will not be certified.</p>



Exporter's declaration

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

The animal is a: **cat** **dog** **Sex:** **M** **F** (*tick as appropriate*)

Name of animal: _____ **Colour:** _____ **Age:** _____ years _____ months

Breed: _____ **Microchip Number:**

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1. The identified animal has resided in Australia and/or New Zealand for at least 90 days prior to the scheduled date of export, or since birth, and is not under any quarantine restriction at the time of export.
2. The animal for export will be at least 8 weeks old at the time of export.
3. If the animal is **female**, it will not be more than 40 days pregnant, nor suckling young at the time of export.
4. The animal is not derived from a domestic/non-domestic hybrid. (refer to note 6)
5. In the case of a **dog**, I have read and understood note 7 and the dog is not one of the restricted pure breeds mentioned.

6. 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 the residency history is unknown (and has been resident in New Zealand for at least 21 days prior to the test for *Ehrlichia* and *Leishmania* as per clause 4 below)

7. In the case of a **dog**: it has been resident in mainland Africa (*if known*) (*tick only if appropriate*)
8. The residential address of the destination in Australia is: _____ 9. My New Zealand address is: _____

10. Scheduled date of export: / /
 11. Scheduled flight number/ ship name: _____
- 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.

Signature of Exporter: _____ **Date:** / /

Veterinary certification

I, _____, being a registered veterinarian appointed to certify live cats and dogs to Australia, certify, after due enquiry with respect to the animal described above, that:

1. I have no reason to doubt the exporter's declaration.
2. New Zealand is free from rabies.
3. For dogs only, canine brucellosis (*Brucella canis*), leptospirosis (*Leptospira canicola*) and indigenous cases of, and established populations of competent vectors for, canine ehrlichiosis (*Ehrlichia canis*), and leishmaniasis have not been confirmed in New Zealand during the 12 months prior to export.
4. In the case of a **dog**: (*tick as appropriate*)
 - 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 (at 1:40) to an indirect fluorescent antibody test (IFAT) for *Ehrlichia canis* on a blood sample collected after it has resided in New Zealand for at least 21 days,
Date of sample collection: / / **AND**
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:** _____
5. In the case of a **dog** that has resided in mainland Africa (see clause 7 above), the dog has been treated for *Babesia canis* with imidocarb dipropionate: (*tick as appropriate*)
 - EITHER** one treatment at 7.5 mg/kg bodyweight **OR** two treatments at 6 mg/kg bodyweight at an interval of two weeks
6. The animal has been treated for external and internal parasites within 5 days of the scheduled time of export.
7. 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 fit to travel.
8. Additional health/treatment information is attached. (*as appropriate*)

MPI Practice Approval Number: _____ **Practice name and address:** _____

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

Signature of Veterinarian: _____ **Date:** / /

Export certification notes

1. Ensure ALL parts of the certificate are filled out in accordance with the MPI Export Programme for Cats and Dogs to Australia. Where possible have the certificate peer reviewed for accuracy by a colleague prior to issuing to the Exporter.
2. The Approved Veterinary Practice must send copies of export certificates within ten working days to Export Administration,ASUREQuality Limited, Private Bag 3080, Hamilton. (PLEASE NOTE: copies of the export certificate are NOT to be sent to the Ministry for Primary Industries)
3. This certificate replaces that dated 1 July 2015.
4. A Permit to Import is not required from the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, Australia.
5. The Exporter must give the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (formerly DAFF/ AQIS) 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>
 - 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.
6. 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 of the Environment and Energy (DoEE) may permit the import of Bengal cats that are five generations or more removed from their wild ancestor. For more information, contact the Wildlife Trade Regulation Section, DoEE on ph: 0061 2 6274 2678 or email exotic.species@environment.gov.au.
7. 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).
8. A registered veterinarian approved by the MPI to certify cats and dogs to Australia (Approved Veterinarian) must examine the animal and scan and confirm the microchip number. The MPI Approval Number is the number given to the MPI Approved Veterinary Practice where this veterinarian is approved to do this certification.
9. The exporter declaration must be completed in full at the time of certification and before the animals are examined by the Approved 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.
10. The Approved 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.
11. For dogs that require *Ehrlichia canis* and *Leishmania infantum* testing, the tests must be done only after the dogs have been resident in New Zealand for a minimum of 21 days. This testing remains valid only if the dog is continuously resident in New Zealand from the sampling date until export to Australia.
12. Samples for *Ehrlichia canis* and *Leishmania infantum* testing are to be sent to the Animal Health Laboratory (IDC), Wallaceville. For enquiries, please contact the laboratory on 04 894 5600. Copies of the test results must be attached to this certificate.
13. For dogs that have previously resided in mainland Africa: The dog was treated as in clause 5 of the veterinary certification, while the dog was resident in New Zealand or for the purpose of import into New Zealand/Australia. Where the dog was not treated in New Zealand, a copy of the certification of the treatment as in clause 5 must be endorsed (signed and dated) by a MPI Approved Veterinarian and attached to this certificate.
14. 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. As a general rule, 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.
15. 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, any laboratory results (for *Ehrlichia canis* and *Leishmania infantum*) and previous export certificates.
16. 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 your 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 these requirements.
17. Documentation must be in order and all import requirements must be met. 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. The original export certificate must accompany the animal.
18. For general enquiries regarding this export certificate, please contact ASUREQuality on 0508 00 11 22 or email exports@asurequality.com.
19. At each veterinary visit for test, treatment or examination, the dog must be scanned and the microchip number must be correctly recorded on all documentation.

Section 61A of the Animal Products Act 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'.