

Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999 - Standards Branch, Animal and Animal Products Directorate, Ministry for Primary Industries

Ref: AE-AU-05L

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OMAR B BOVSEMEC.AUS5 11.07.12 – BOVINE SEMEN OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN to AUSTRALIA

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

(i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled bovine semen of Australian origin to Australia

(ii) Revoke OMAR B BOVSEMEC.AUS5 19.05.10

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 31st day of July 2012.

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(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. Australia requirements

Bovine semen of Australian origin exported from New Zealand to Australia must comply with the import regulations of Australia listed in this notice as follows:

2.1 An Import Permit is required for the exportation of bovine semen of Australian origin from New Zealand to Australia.

2.2 An Official Veterinarian of New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry must certify, after due enquiry, the following:

2.2.1 He/she has no reason to doubt the semen centre veterinarian's declaration.

2.2.2 The semen and the properties at which it was stored were free from any quarantine restrictions immediately prior to export.

2.2.3 For sex sorted semen, if included in this shipment:

2.2.3.1 The equipment used for sex-sorting sperm was cleaned and disinfected between animals according to the sex semen licensor's recommendations

2.2.3.2 Where seminal plasma, or components thereof, was added to sorted semen prior to cryopreservation and storage, it was derived from animals of the same or better health status.

(To be deleted as appropriate)

2.2.4 The semen was identified in a legible and non-erasable manner, and has been stored, in fresh liquid nitrogen, since the end of the collection period until export, under the supervision of the Official Veterinarian in a container(s) in which no biological material other than semen, embryos or ova of equivalent health status was held. Reproductive material was not removed from containers for further processing, or aggregation with other reproductive material unless under the supervision of the approved veterinarian at an approved centre or laboratory.

2.2.5 Where reproductive material was removed from containers for further processing or aggregation with other reproductive material at an approved centre or laboratory, the dates of transfer, reason for transfer (e.g. for sex sorting), name of the approved centre or laboratory and the approved veterinarian must be listed against the containers.

2.2.6 The centre where the semen has been stored is approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry for the handling/storage of bovine semen for export.

2.2.7 The identification of the semen to be exported has been checked by the centre veterinarian.

2.2.8 The shipping container was:

2.2.8.1 new

2.2.8.2 or prior to loading, the shipper was emptied and inspected and any loose straws removed. The shipper, including all surfaces contacting the straws, was disinfected. Disinfectant used and date of disinfection.

(AQIS accepts the following disinfectants: 2% available chlorine, 2% Virkon, or irradiation at 50kGy.)

2.2.8.3 Only new liquid nitrogen was added to the shipping container (for frozen semen only).

(To be deleted as appropriate)

2.2.9 Prior to shipment, the semen transportation container was sealed by an Official Veterinarian with an official seal, bearing the number or mark to be recorded.

2.3 The Semen Centre Veterinarian must declare that he/she has verified that the identification of the semen to be exported has been checked by him/her, and matches that of the semen imported under the Biosecurity Authority Clearance Certificate stated in the Zoosanitary Certificate.

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.

Explanatory note

These overseas market access requirements are based on the export certificate for bovine semen of Australian origin to Australia, dated 11 July 2012.

**Additional Information on OMAR Notification: BOVSEMEC.AUS5
11.07.12**

1. This OMAR is based on the export certificate for bovine semen of Australian origin to Australia dated 11 July 2012. This OMAR replaces the previous one dated 19 May 2010. It was updated following a request from DAFF.

2. Each consignment of bovine semen must be accompanied by a valid permit to import, to be obtained, prior to the export of the semen, from the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) office in Canberra, ACT, Australia.

Section 61.A of the Animal Products Amendments Act 2005 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'.