

**OVERSEAS MARKET ACCESS REQUIREMENTS NOTIFICATION -  
ANIMAL PRODUCTS ACT 1999 – IMPORT AND EXPORT  
STANDARDS, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY NEW  
ZEALAND**

**Ref:** AE-AU-35L

**Date:** 3 August 2011

**OMAR B FISEMBEC.AUS – LABORATORY ZEBRA FISH (*DANIO  
RERIO*) and EMBRYOS 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 laboratory zebra fish (*Danio rerio*) and embryos to Australia.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2011.

Signed: Matthew Stone BVSc MVS MACVSc  
Group Manager  
Animal Imports and Exports  
Import Export Directorate  
Standards Branch  
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry  
(pursuant to delegated authority)

**2. Australia requirements**

Laboratory zebra fish (*Danio rerio*) and embryos 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 laboratory zebra fish (*Danio rerio*) and embryos to Australia

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

2.2.1 The fish for export have been bred and housed for their lifetime in premises that are part of a bona fide scientific institution (usually as evidenced by the existence of an Animal Ethics Committee or equivalent arrangement within the organisation).

2.2.2 There have been no additions to the research fish facility except from other bona fide scientific institutions in the last six (6) months.

2.2.3 The fish for export, or the fish from which the embryos for export were derived, were inspected by the person in charge of the source facility within seven (7) days prior to export and were found to be free of visible signs of disease and parasites.

2.2.4 There has been no significant disease occurrences or parasite infestation in the fish held in the export facility during the six (6) months prior to export.

2.2.5 The fish have not been kept in water in common with farmed food fish (fish farmed for human consumption including recreational fishing) or koi carp.

### **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 current export certificate for the exportation of laboratory zebra fish (*Danio rerio*) and embryos to Australia, dated 3 August 2011.*

## **Additional Information for OMAR Notification: FISEMBEC.AUS 03.08.11**

1. An Import Permit is required.
2. This export certificate is for use for *Danio rerio* fish or embryos from a research laboratory only.
3. The importer or agent must lodge a Quarantine Entry for each consignment. The inspecting AQIS officer must be advised of the entry number prior to inspection.
4. Animals must be shipped in secure, escape proof containers that are clearly labelled 'Live animals under quarantine'. The container must meet the container requirements specified in the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animals Regulations.
5. One importer, as listed on the Import Permit, or nominated agent, must be accessible to AQIS officers and accept responsibility for ensuring that all import conditions are met including the AQIS inspection.
6. Consignments must be addressed and sent to AQIS at the port of arrival.
7. The importer must notify the AQIS office in the state of import in writing at least three (3) business days prior to import. The notification must include the AQIS permit number, flight number, airway bill number, date and estimated time of arrival and list of animals being imported.
8. The importer or agent must make an appointment for AQIS inspection of animal(s) and documentation. The importer or agent may be required to be present at this inspection.
9. Consignments that do not meet the AQIS import conditions will remain in quarantine control, be exported or destroyed without recompense.
10. On arrival in Australia the live fish or fish embryos must be transported directly to a quarantine premises (QAP) and must remain in the QAP for the duration of their lives.

**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'.**