



Canine and Feline Semen of New Zealand Origin to Australia (OMAR)

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TITLE

Animal Products Notice: Canine and Feline Semen of New Zealand Origin to Australia (OMAR)

COMMENCEMENT

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 17 February 2020

REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- CAFSEMNZO.AU 01 July 2018 – CANINE AND FELINE SEMEN OF NEW ZEALAND ORIGIN TO AUSTRALIA

ISSUING AUTHORITY

This Animal Products Notice is issued under sections 167(1) and 60(1) of the Animal Products Act 1999.

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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 document is to set out the zoosanitary requirements necessary to export compliant canine and feline semen of New Zealand origin from New Zealand 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.

The export of live animals from New Zealand usually requires official certification signed by an MPI Official Veterinarian (veterinarians employed by MPI).

Due to the large number of cats and dogs being exported from New Zealand to Australia, and by agreement with the Australian Government, export health conditions were negotiated so that these animals can enter Australia directly without the necessity of an official assurance, an import permit, or undergoing quarantine either before departing New Zealand or on arrival in Australia. This provision also caters for canine and feline semen of New Zealand origin.

The export certification for cats and dogs (and canine and feline semen of New Zealand origin) to Australia can be certified by MPI Approved Veterinarians.

Notices issued under section 60(1)(c) of the Animal Products Act to safeguard the assurances provided by New Zealand, and guidance in the form of Codes of Practice, should be read in conjunction with this Notice.

This OMAR specifies the requirements that must be met by exporters of canine and feline semen of New Zealand origin to be exported from New Zealand to Australia and determines the form and content of the export certificate that must accompany the canine and feline semen of New Zealand origin to be exported. The OMAR was issued after consultation with industry and the Australian Department Of Agriculture.

Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of canine and feline semen of New Zealand origin to Australia.

MPI Approved Veterinarians collecting canine and feline semen of New Zealand origin for export to Australia.

Why is this important?

This Notice is important because it sets out the requirements that need to be met so that the Director-General of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) can certify that the canine and feline semen of New Zealand origin meets the requirements for export to Australia which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of Australia, has determined will apply. It should be noted that although the canine and feline semen of New Zealand origin may comply with these requirements and be given an export certificate, the importing country ultimately retains control over what canine and feline semen of New Zealand origin it clears for entry.

Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
17 February 2020	All sections	Format edits, including but not limited to MPI logo update, Australia competent authority name change from Department of Agriculture and Water Resources to Department of Agriculture, more space to handwrite in the required details of certification and splitting a clause into clear sentences to avoid misinterpretation. New OMAR format

Other information

Export non-conformances

Exporters should note that, under section 51 of the Animal Products Act 1999, where they have exported animal material or products, including live animals, hatching eggs, semen and embryos, that are refused entry by the foreign government they have a statutory duty to notify the Director-General of MPI not later than 24 hours after they have first knowledge of the event.

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

OMAR documents can be downloaded from <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/law-and-policy/requirements/omars-overseas-market-access-requirements/omars-live-animals-semen-embryos-organics/>

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).

The export certificate for this OMAR is made available to MPI Approved Veterinarians by the service provider, which is currently AsureQuality.

Part 1: Requirements

1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to the export of canine and feline semen of New Zealand origin from New Zealand to Australia.
- (2) Canine and feline semen which has been imported into New Zealand is not eligible for certification on this OMAR.

1.2 Definitions

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

Act means the Animal Products Act 1999

Approved Veterinarian means a veterinarian who has been approved by the Ministry for Primary Industries for the purpose of certifying cats and dogs to Australia. These veterinarians are also automatically approved for the certification of canine and feline semen originating from New Zealand to Australia.

Disinfection means the application, after cleaning, of procedures intended to destroy agents of disease.

Service Provider means AsureQuality

- (2) A term in this Notice that is defined in the Act has the meaning given to it in the Act
 - a) *Animal Products Notice: Official Assurances Specifications for Animal Material and Animal Products.*
 - b) *Animal Products Notice: Specifications for Laboratories.*

1.3 Requirements for export

- (1) Canine and feline semen of New Zealand origin exported from New Zealand to Australia must be accompanied by an assurance in the form of a zoosanitary certificate, a sample version of which is included in Part 2.
- (2) An export certificate must be completed and issued by an Approved Veterinarian.
- (3) In order to issue an export certificate, the Approved Veterinarian must be satisfied that:
 - a) The semen must be processed in either straw or pellet form.
 - b) There must be a separate certificate for each donor.
 - c) Where there are multiple dates of collection from the same donor, each date must be entered on the certificate.
 - d) Transport containers or shippers used for the transport of semen must either be new, or disinfected using one of the products or procedures accepted by the Department of Agriculture (2% available chlorine, 2% Virkon, or irradiation at 50KGy.) For used containers or shippers the date of disinfection, the disinfectant used and its active chemical must be recorded on the certificate.
 - e) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice.

1.4 Laboratories

- (1) Where this Notice requires laboratory testing to be undertaken the testing must be done in laboratories operating in accordance with the Recognised Laboratory Programme (RLP) unless otherwise stated.

Export certification notes

1. This certificate replaces that dated 01 July 2018.
2. The semen must be processed in either straw or pellet form. Pellets must be packaged in cryovials suitable for maintaining the product's integrity during storage and transport.
3. A permit to import is not required.
4. Advance notice of the intended import must be given to Department of Agriculture at the port of entry at least 72 hours prior to the expected time of arrival, giving the flight number/ship number and arrival time. This should be done by emailing the regional office in the state/territory the import 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/canine-semen-new-zealand>. Your email must include:
 - the date and estimated time of arrival/ the flight number/ship number/ the airway bill number/ a contact phone number in Australia.
5. Each consignment must be accompanied by:
 - an export certificate completed by a registered veterinarian approved by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries to certify cats and dogs to Australia.
6. Consignments must be addressed to the Australian owner/person in charge, care of the Australian Government Department of Agriculture regional office in Australia located in the state/territory in which the consignment will first arrive in Australia, and shipped as manifest cargo. Transport via international mail is not acceptable.
7. There must be a separate export certificate for each donor. Where there are multiple dates of collection, each date must be entered using the format dd/mm/yyyy.
8. Any corrections made to the export certificate must be struck out so that the previous wording remains legible, providing the full signature of the original Approved Veterinarian who signed the section of the document and the date the correction was applied. The correction should be applied as close as practical to the error. (Correction fluid must not be used).
9. A registered veterinarian approved by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries to certify cats and dogs to Australia must examine the donor on the date of semen collection. An Approved Veterinarian must seal the container. The number of this seal must be recorded on the certificate.
10. The MPI Practice Approval Number is the approval number of the Approved Veterinary Practice under which the registered veterinarian is approved by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries to certify cats and dogs being exported to Australia.
11. Transport containers or shippers used for the transport of semen must be either new, or disinfected using one of the products or procedures accepted by Department of Agriculture (2% available chlorine, 2% Virkon, or irradiation at 50kGy). For used containers/shippers, the date of disinfection, the disinfectant used and its active chemical must be recorded on the health certificate.
12. Only new liquid nitrogen may be added to the tank prior to loading.
13. It is the exporter/importer in charge's responsibility to provide all evidence required to demonstrate that the consignment meets the import conditions. All required documentation, including the Export Certificate, should be securely attached to the outside of the package and marked "Attention Department of Agriculture".
14. The exporter/importer in charge must make an appointment for the inspection of the goods and documentation by the department. The exporter/importer in charge must be present at the inspection. On arrival, the consignment will be subject to biosecurity control where it will remain until a biosecurity officer has completed the physical inspection of the consignment and all required documentation.
15. In the event of semen arriving in Australia without the correct certification, or in any other way not meeting these conditions, the semen may be detained in quarantine, re-exported at the importer's expense or destroyed without recompense.
16. It is the importer's responsibility to ensure they have complied with requirements of any other regulatory and advisory bodies prior to and after importation. It is the importer's responsibility to arrange for any additional testing for genetic and endemic infectious diseases, or for movement of animals or genetic material into certain animal health zones within Australia.
17. For general enquiries regarding this export certificate, contact AsureQuality on 0508 00 11 22 or email exports@asurequality.com.
18. Copies of completed export certificates must be sent to Export Administration, AsureQuality Limited, Private Bag 3080, Hamilton.

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