



Cervine Semen to Australia (OMAR)

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TITLE

Animal Products Notice: Cervine Semen to Australia

COMMENCEMENT

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 8 May 2019

REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- CERSEM.AU 1 September 2016 – Cervine Semen 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 cervine semen 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.

Where the OMAR determines the form and content of the official assurances, a separate export certificate template is available to authorised persons, recognised persons and registered exporters who have applied for access to the certificate templates, to facilitate the completion and issuing of the relevant official assurance. That template will be an amendable version of the form set in the OMAR.

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 cervine semen to be exported from New Zealand to Australia and determines the form and content of the official assurance that must accompany the cervine semen to be exported. The OMAR was issued after minor amendments to include the test date, type, and result for bovine tuberculosis, were made in accordance with the Australian Biosecurity Import Conditions (BICON) requirements, and accessed from the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources website on 17th April 2019.

Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of cervine semen to Australia.

Operators of export approved premises collecting cervine semen 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 cervine semen 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 cervine semen may comply with these

requirements and be given an official assurance (by way of a certificate), the importing country ultimately retains control over what cervine semen it clears for entry.

Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
18 April 2016	Health status of donor stag	Updated Schmallerberg virus requirements
8 May 2019	All sections	Updated the semen donor table to include TB test details and date of entry to PEI 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 provided in cervine semen to Australia (Export Certificate). The export certificate is password-protected.

Part 1: Requirements

1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to the export of frozen cervine semen from New Zealand to Australia.

1.2 Definitions

- (1) In this Notice, unless the context otherwise requires:
Act means the Animal Products Act 1999
- (2) A term in this Notice that is defined in the Act has the meaning given to it in the Act
- (3) A term used in this Notice that is defined in the Act or the following Notices (or their successors) has the meaning given to it in the Act or that Notice:
 - 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) Cervine semen exported from New Zealand to Australia must be accompanied by an official assurance in the form of a zoosanitary certificate as specified in Part 2.
- (2) A zoosanitary certificate must be completed and issued by an authorised person.
- (3) In order to issue a zoosanitary certificate, the authorised person must be satisfied that:
 - a) A permit to import the cervine semen has been issued by the Australian competent authority.
 - b) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice.

1.4 Specific requirements for the zoosanitary certificate

- (1) A schedule is to be used where a consignment includes more than one donor.
- (2) Tests for bovine tuberculosis must be carried out at least 90 days after any previous tuberculin test.
- (3) With regards to section III: origin of the semen:
 - a) The name of the centre veterinarian relates to the approved semen centre where the semen was collected. Where there is more than one centre veterinarian approved for that premises, each centre veterinarian must be listed.
 - b) The telephone number and facsimile number relate to the contact details of the collection centre.
 - c) Where the semen has been processed or stored in another centre, include the details for each centre for traceability.
- (4) With regards to section V, clause 3.4, the Australian competent authority accept the following disinfectants: 2% available chlorine, 2% Virkon, or all crate surfaces irradiated at 50kGy.

1.5 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.

Part 2: Zoosanitary Certificate



Certificate No:

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Commodity: CERVINE SEMEN

To: AUSTRALIA

Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND

Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Import Permit number:

(Use a schedule for more than one donor)

I: DONOR ANIMAL	
Name	
Breed	
Stud book / Registration No.	
Ear tag / Tattoo / Brand / Microchip No. *	
Date of entry onto semen centre	
Date of entry into pre-entry isolation	
TB test (date, type of test, result)	
II: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SEMEN	
Date(s) of semen collection	
Straw identification ⁽¹⁾	
Number of straws	
Transport container(s) / shipper(s) identification	

* Delete if not applicable

⁽¹⁾ Genetic material must be listed against the identity of the sealed transport container(s) / shipper(s).

Total number of straws in this consignment:

III: ORIGIN OF THE SEMEN

Name, address and approval number of semen centre where the semen was originally collected:	Name, address and approval number of semen centre where semen was processed/stored:
Name of approved centre veterinarian:	Telephone:
	Fax:

Name and address of exporter:
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IV: DESTINATION OF THE SEMEN

Name and address of consignee:
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Means and identification of method of transport:

Certificate No:

V: SANITARY INFORMATION**VETERINARY CERTIFICATE**

I, an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries hereby certify, after due enquiry, with respect to the donor stags and semen identified in this Zoosanitary Certificate that:

1 Collection centre and centre veterinarian

- 1.1 The semen was collected at a cervine semen centre approved by New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries and under the supervision of a veterinarian approved by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries to supervise the collection, processing and storage of semen for export.
- 1.2 The centre veterinarian is responsible for:
 - 1.2.1 isolating the donor from all other deer and ruminants not of equivalent health status prior to semen collection
 - 1.2.2 supervising the isolation period
 - 1.2.3 ensuring that the donor was tested in accordance with the requirements of this export certificate
 - 1.2.4 supervising the blood sampling of the donor and the collection and processing of semen.

2 Health status of donor stag

- 2.1 The donor has lived only in countries where there have not been any reports of chronic wasting disease.
- 2.2 At the time of collection each donor was free from quarantine restrictions.
- 2.3 Each donor was individually marked and isolated from other deer not of equivalent health status, during the period between 7 days before the first collection of semen and the last collection of semen for export to Australia.
- 2.4 Prior to collection the donor stag was part of a herd that was officially free from bovine tuberculosis and in the 12 months prior to collection the donor gave a negative result to:
 - Either 2.4.1 a blood tuberculosis test (BTB)
 - Or 2.4.2 a mid-cervical intradermal tuberculin test.

(Delete as appropriate)
- 2.5 Each donor showed no clinical signs of Johne's disease during the collection period.
- 2.6 No cases of disease caused by Schmallenberg virus have been detected or reported in New Zealand

3 Semen collection, processing and storage

- 3.1 For sex sorted semen, if included in this shipment:

- 3.1.1 The equipment used for sex-sorting sperm was cleaned and disinfected between animals according to the sex semen licensor's recommendations
- 3.1.2 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.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 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**.
- 3.4 The container for export was:
- Either: 3.4.1 a new shipper
- Or: 3.4.2 prior to loading, emptied and inspected and any loose straws removed. The shipper, including all surfaces contacting the straws, was disinfected with:
- Product used:
- Date of disinfection:
- (AQIS accept the following disinfectants: 2% available chlorine, 2% Virkon, or irradiated at 50kGy.)
- (Delete as appropriate)
- 3.4.3 Only new liquid nitrogen was added to the shipping container.
- 3.5 Prior to shipment, the semen transportation container was sealed by an Official Veterinarian with an official seal, bearing the number or mark:

Signature Official Veterinarian
New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

Official Stamp and Date

Name and Address.....

Note: the Official Veterinarian must sign, date and stamp each page of the veterinary certificate and, where applicable, all documents (e.g. laboratory reports) that form part of the extended health certification.