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OVERSEAS MARKET ACCESS REQUIREMENTS NOTIFICATION

ANIMAL PRODUCTS ACT 1999

BIOSECURITY AUTHORITY

OMAR B SAGANIEC.PRC - SHEEP AND GOATS to the PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999, I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled sheep and goats to the People's Republic of China.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 7th day of April 2004.

Signed by Carolyn Hini
National Manager International Animal Trade
MAF Biosecurity Authority
(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. The People's Republic of China Requirements

Sheep and goats exported from New Zealand to the People's Republic of China must comply with the import requirements of the People's Republic of China listed in this notice as follows:

2.1 An import permit is required for the exportation of sheep and goats to the People's Republic of China.

2.2 An official veterinarian of New Zealand must certify the following:

2.2.1 New Zealand is free from anaplasmosis, bluetongue, brucellosis (*B. melitensis* and *B. abortus*), contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, foot and mouth disease, peste des petits ruminants, maedi-visna, ovine enzootic abortion, piroplasmosis, Q fever, sheep pox and goat pox and scrapie.

2.2.2 The sheep or goats for export must be either born and reared on the farm of origin, or that if the sheep or goats were brought into the farm they must have resident there for more than 6 months. The exporting farm:

- must have been free of Johne's disease during the previous 3 years
- must have been free of brucellosis (*Brucella ovis*) [for sheep only] and caprine arthritis encephalitis [for goats only] during the previous 3 years
- must have been free of clinical symptoms of toxoplasmosis, leptospirosis and Border disease during the previous 3 years
- must have been officially free from bovine tuberculosis during the previous 3 years.

2.2.3 Within the 2 months before their entry into the pre-export isolation premises, the sheep or goats must be vaccinated twice against foot-rot with an interval of at least 6 weeks. Dates of vaccinations, type of vaccine, manufacturer and period of protection.

2.2.4 The sheep and goats for export must meet the requirements of section 2.2.2 above, and after clinical examination, and being tested for the following diseases with negative results, must be transported from the farm of origin to a New Zealand MAF approved isolation premises:

- tuberculosis using an intradermal test using bovine tuberculin (PPD) **either** in the cervical area, with the reaction not exceeding 2 mm increase in thickness, **or** in the caudal fold with no reaction. Date of the test.
- Border disease using **either** virus isolation on blood serum with two passages in tissue culture, performed and interpreted in accordance with the OIE *Manual of Standards* with the cultures checked for virus by immunofluorescence test or immunoperoxidase test, **or** an antigen capture ELISA using blood leucocytes. Test used and date of the test.
- caprine arthritis/encephalitis using **either** an agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID) **or** an ELISA. (Goats only). Test used and date of the test.
- *Brucella ovis* using **either** an ELISA **or** a CFT. (Sheep only). Date of the test.
- Johne's disease using both:
 - an intradermal avian PPD test at the cervical site, negative reaction is a swelling not exceeding 2 mm at the site of injection and (Date of the test) **either** a complement fixation test (negative reaction is less than 50 percent fixation at 1:5), **or** an agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID) test, **or** an absorbed ELISA.

Test used and date of the test.

- 2.2.5 Prior to export the sheep or goats must be kept at a New Zealand MAF approved isolation premises for 30 days. During this period the sheep or goats must be checked, one by one by clinical examination, and tested for the following diseases, with only those having a negative result being eligible for export:
- *Brucella ovis* using **either** an ELISA **or** a CFT. (Sheep only). Test used and date of the test:
 - caprine arthritis/encephalitis using **either** an agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID) **or** ELISA. (Goats only). Test used and date of the test.
 - Johne's disease using **either** a complement fixation test (negative reaction is less than 50 percent fixation at 1:5), **or** an agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID) test, **or** an absorbed ELISA. Tests used and date of the test.
- 2.2.6 During quarantine at the New Zealand MAF approved isolation premises the sheep or goats for export must be treated:
- for leptospirosis with **either** two injections of dihydrostreptomycin at an interval of 14 days at a dosage of 25 mg/kg as a preventative treatment, **or** an effective therapeutic regime approved by the New Zealand MAF. Antibiotic used and dates of treatments.
 - with approved effective parasiticides that are licensed for use in New Zealand for internal and external parasites and under the supervision of either a New Zealand MAF veterinarian or New Zealand MAF approved veterinarian.
- Internal parasite treatment: Date of treatment, manufacturer, active ingredient and concentration and dose rate used.
- External parasite treatment: Date of treatment, manufacturer, active ingredient and concentration and dose rate used.
- 2.2.7 Within 24 hours prior to export the sheep or goats for export must be clinically examined and found to be healthy and free from clinical symptoms of OIE List A and B diseases. Date of examination.
- 2.2.8 The quarantine record and identification of each animal must be inspected by a New Zealand MAF veterinarian or a New Zealand MAF approved veterinarian at the conclusion of testing of the animals on the farm of origin, and again after the testing is concluded in pre-export isolation premises.
- 2.2.9 All vehicles and crates used in ships or aircraft for transportation must be cleaned, disinfected and treated with effective disinfectants approved by New

Zealand MAF. Date of cleaning, disinfection and treatment, disinfectant, manufacturer, active ingredient and concentration and dose rate used.

2.2.10 The feed, hay and bedding used during the quarantine period and transportation must be from disease-free (OIE list A diseases) areas and must meet applicable veterinary and health requirements.

2.2.11 During quarantine and transportation, the sheep or goats for export must not come in contact with animals not of the same consignment, and must not be transported through areas of epizootic disease (OIE List A disease).

3. Revocations

OMAR B SAGANIEC.PRC 06.10.03 - sheep and goats to China is revoked and replaced by this OMAR notification.

4. 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 'Protocol between the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of New Zealand on quarantine and health requirements for sheep and goats imported from New Zealand to the People's Republic of China' that was signed 19 June 2002. The conditions in this OMAR relate to the export certificate dated 6 October 2003.

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1. An import health permit is required. The import permit (with an English translation produced by a reputable translation service) must be sighted by the official veterinarian prior to any management or testing procedure associated with the New Zealand export certificate being undertaken. This includes on-farm testing and inspections as well as isolation testing and inspections/treatments. MAF will not provide an official assurance for any consignment where the on-farm testing commenced prior to the official veterinarian sighting the import permit.
2. The Administration of Animal and Plant Quarantine of the People's Republic of China will decide whether to send veterinarians to the premises of origin of the sheep or goats for export, related laboratories and pre-export isolation facilities to cooperate with New Zealand MAF veterinary officers or New Zealand MAF approved veterinary officers in carrying out the quarantine and inspections. The exporter must confirm with the Chinese Authorities, if and when the Chinese veterinarians will arrive and if the on-farm testing may commence prior to their arrival.
3. Any dispensations/equivalence requests sought from AQSIQ should be sought on a government to government basis and not via the importer or exporter.
4. The health conditions specified in the import health permit should be the same as those in this OMAR. The import health permit may contain additional information, including species and number of animals, port of entry, date of import, route of transportation. Each import health permit allows for the importation of only one consignment of one species of animals or one kind of animal genetic material.
5. Accompanying each consignment there will be at least one original and two copies of the export certificate and the relevant testing reports. The health certificate will be typed in English. Handwritten or altered versions will not be acceptable.
6. (Sheep only): If a CFT test for *Brucella ovis* is used then the test results must be interpreted such that a negative result is less than 50 percent fixation at a serum dilution of 1:4.