

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

Ref: AE-CN-23L

Date: 20 May 2011

**OMAR B MIEMNIEC.PRC 20.05.11 – LABORATORY MICE to THE
PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled laboratory mice to The People’s Republic of China.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 14th day of June 2011.

Signed: Matthew Stone BVSc MACVSc MVS (Epidemiology)
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Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. People’s Republic of China requirements

Laboratory mice 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 laboratory mice to The People’s Republic of China.

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 animal(s) for export have originated from a bona fide scientific institution (usually as evidenced by the existence of an Animal Ethics Committee or equivalent arrangement with the organisation).

2.2.2 The mice are specific pathogen free (SPF) animals.

2.2.3 The mice were held in isolation/quarantine at a location approved by an Official Veterinarian.

2.2.4 Within seventy two (72) hours prior to loading, each animal for export was examined and was free from evidence of infectious and contagious disease and ectoparasites.

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 mice to The People's Republic of China, dated 20 May 2011.

**Additional Information for OMAR Notification: MIEMNIEC.PRC
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1. This is a new OMAR. It is based on import requirements received from the People's Republic of China, on 21 April 2011.
2. An Import Permit is required.
3. It is the exporter's responsibility to report any suspected illness or death affecting any mouse between the date of inspection and the date of export.
4. The mice must be carried and caged (with labels) in accordance with the current Live Animals Regulations of IATA (International Air Transport Association), and in such a way as to ensure humane management at all times.

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'.