



Ovine Embryos to Brazil (OMAR)

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Animal Products Notice: Ovine Embryos to Brazil (OMAR)

COMMENCEMENT

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REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- Ovine Embryos to Brazil (OMAR) OVIEMB.BR-PT, dated 29 May 2019

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 ovine embryos from New Zealand to Brazil.

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 Operational Codes, should be read in conjunction with this Notice.

This OMAR specifies the requirements that must be met by exporters of ovine embryos to be exported from New Zealand to Brazil and determines the form and content of the official assurance that must accompany the ovine embryos to be exported. The OMAR was issued after consultation with industry and the government of Brazil. It is based on the Resolution 18/19 of MERCOSUR.

Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of ovine embryos to Brazil.

Operators of Export Approved Premises collecting ovine embryos for export to Brazil.

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 ovine embryos meet the requirements for export to Brazil which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of Brazil, has determined will apply. It should be noted that although the ovine embryos may comply with these requirements and be given an official assurance (by way of a certificate), the importing country ultimately retains control over what ovine embryos it clears for entry.

Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
9 September 2022	All sections Part 2	• New OMAR format. • Updates to the Export Certificate to reflect changes in Mercosur requirements Resolution 18/19.

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/export-requirements/omars-for-live-animals-semen-and-embryos/>

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 for in *Ovine Embryos to Brazil (Export Certificate)*. The export certificate is password-protected through a RealMe® account.

Part 1: Requirements

1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to the export of ovine embryos from New Zealand to Brazil.

1.2 Definitions

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

Act means the Animal Products Act 1999

Container means any crate, box, receptacle or other rigid structure used for the transport of germinal products which is not the means of transport.

Embryo collection team means a group of competent technicians, including at least one veterinarian, to perform the collection, processing and storage of embryos.

MAPA (Ministério da Agricultura, Pecuária e Abastecimento) means the Brazilian competent authority.

Premises of origin means the farms and embryo collection facilities where the animals have resided prior to the collection of embryos.

Ovine animal means a kept animal of the species *Ovis aries*.

- (2) 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: Recognised Laboratories](#)
 - c) [Animal Products Notice: Export Approved Premises.](#)

1.3 Requirements for export

- (1) Ovine embryos exported from New Zealand to Brazil must be accompanied by an official assurance in the form of a zoosanitary certificate, a sample version of which is included 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 ovine embryos has been issued by the competent authority of Brazil.
 - b) Collection of samples for testing must be supervised by an Official Veterinarian or a team veterinarian approved by MPI.
 - c) The integrity of the cryogenic containers and the corresponding seals must be verified prior to departure.
 - d) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice.

1.4 Specific requirements for the zoosanitary certificate

- (1) In reference to clause (5.4), foetal calf serum, albumin serum and any other animal product derived from ruminants, must only be sourced from countries recognised by the OIE as having insignificant risk or controlled risk and no reported cases of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy.

1.5 Laboratories

- (1) Where this Notice requires laboratory testing to be undertake, the testing must be done in laboratories recognised by MPI for the testing, unless otherwise stated.

Part 2: Zoosanitary Certificate



Certificate No /
Certificado n°:

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE/ *CERTIFICADO ZOOSSANITÁRIO*

Commodity: OVINE EMBRYOS
Produto: EMBRIÕES DE OVINO

To: BRAZIL
Para: BRASIL

Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND
País exportador: NOVA ZELÂNDIA

Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES
Autoridade Competente:

Import Permit Number / Número da Licença de Importação:

I: INFORMATION CONCERNING THE EMBRYOS OF EACH DONOR(S) / INFORMAÇÕES RELACIONADAS AOS EMBRIÕES DE CADA DOADORA

Name and register number of the female donor. / Nome / N° de registro da fêmea doadora	Name and register number of the male donor. / Nome / No de registro do macho doador	Donor male and female breed. / Raça dos macho e fêmea doadores	Embryo collection date. / Data de coleta do embrião	Number of embryos. / Quantidade de embriões	Identification of straws. / Identificação das palhetas**

**The straws each contain only embryos from one single collection. / As palhetas contêm unicamente embriões procedentes de uma mesma coleta.

Total number of embryos / Número total de embriões na remessa:

Total number of straws / Número total de palhetas:

Total number of containers (in letters and numbers) / Quantidade de botijões (em números e letras):

II: ORIGIN OF ANIMALS / PROCEDÊNCIA

Name and address of exporter: / Nome e endereço do exportador:

Address and approval number of semen collection centre (if applicable) / Endereço e número de aprovação do centro de coleta de sêmen (se corresponde):

Address and approval number of embryo collection team / Endereço e número de aprovação da equipe de coleta de embriões:

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III: DESTINATION OF EMBRYO(S) / DESTINO DO (S) EMBRIÃO (S)

Name and address of consignee / Nome e endereço do destinatário:

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IV: TRANSPORT / TRANSPORTE

Means of transport/ Meio de transporte:

Port of departure / Porto de saída:



Certificate No / Certificado n°:

V: HEALTH INFORMATION/ INFORMAÇÃO SOBRE SAÚDE**VETERINARY CERTIFICATE/ CERTIFICADO VETERINÁRIO**

I,, an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries, certify, after due enquiry in regard to the animals and embryo(s) listed in the export certificate, that: /

Eu,, Veterinário(a) Oficial do Ministry for Primary Industries da Nova Zelândia, certifico, após a devida consulta acerca dos animais e embriões listados no certificado de exportação, que:

1 COUNTRY FREEDOM/ PAÍS LIVRE

- 1.1 During the period of collection of the embryo(s), New Zealand was free of bluetongue, brucellosis (*Brucella abortus* and *B. melitensis*), enzootic abortion of ewes, Maedi-visna, Rift Valley fever, sheep and goat pox and this condition is recognised by the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply (MAPA). /

*Durante o período de coleta de embriões, a Nova Zelândia estava livre de Língua Azul brucelose (*Brucella abortus* e *B. melitensis*), aborto enzoótico de ovelhas, febre de Maedi Visna, febre do Vale do Rift, varíola ovina e caprina; e esta condição é reconhecida pelo Ministério da Agricultura, Pecuária e Abastecimento (MAPA) do Brasil.*

- 1.2 New Zealand is officially recognised free from peste des petits ruminants, and foot and mouth disease (FMD) where vaccination is not practised, by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH, formerly OIE). /

A Nova Zelândia é reconhecida como oficialmente livre de peste de pequenos ruminantes e febre aftosa (FMD), onde a vacinação não é praticada, pela Organização Mundial de Saúde Animal (WOAH, anteriormente conhecido como OIE).

- 1.3 New Zealand has declared itself as officially free from ovine scrapie, in accordance with the provisions in the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, and that condition is recognized by MAPA. /

A Nova Zelândia se autodeclarou oficialmente livre de tremor epizootico em ovinos, de acordo com o previsto no OIE Código de Saúde de Animais Terrestres, e esta condição é reconhecida pelo MAPA.

- 1.4 The embryo donors and their sires and dams were born and bred in New Zealand or in another country with equal or superior health status in respect to scrapie. /

O(s) doador(es) de embriões e seus reprodutores foram nascidos e criados na Nova Zelândia ou em outro país com status de saúde igual ou superior, em relação ao tremor epizootico.

- 1.5 No cases of disease caused by *Schmallenberg virus* have been detected or reported in New Zealand. / Não foi reportado caso algum de doença causada pelo vírus *Shmallenberg* na Nova Zelândia.

2 PREMISES OF ORIGIN/ PREMISSAS DE ORIGEM

- 2.1 The embryo donor(s) remained for at least thirty (30) days prior and thirty (30) days after in an establishment that meets the following conditions: /

As doadoras permaneceram pelo menos trinta (30) dias antes e trinta (30) dias posteriores à coleta, em um estabelecimento que atende as seguintes condições:

- 2.1.1 Have not had any sanitary restrictions due to notifiable infectious diseases of sheep during the twenty-four (24) months prior to collection. /

Não houve restrições sanitárias devido a doenças contagiosas notificáveis de carneiros durante os 24 (vinte e quatro) meses anteriores à coleta.

- 2.1.2 There has been no entry of animals susceptible to sheep diseases of concern, which had a lower sanitary condition /

Não houve entrada de animais suscetíveis às doenças de interesse dos ovinos, que tenham baixa condição sanitária.

- 2.1.3 No cases of ovine pulmonary adenomatosis have been officially reported in the two (2) years prior to the collection of embryos /

Não tenham sido reportados oficialmente casos de adenomatose pulmonar ovina nos dois (2) anos anteriores à coleta de embriões.

- 2.1.4 No cases of Q fever have been reported during the twelve (12) months prior to embryo collection. /

Não tenham sido reportados casos de febre Q foi registrada durante os doze (12) meses anteriores à coleta de embriões.

- 2.1.5 No cases of contagious agalactia, ovine epididymitis (*Brucella ovis*), and tuberculosis have been reported during the six (6) months prior to embryo collection. /

Não tenham sido reportados casos de agalaxia contagiosa, epididimite ovina (Brucella ovis) e tuberculose durante os seis (6) meses anteriores à coleta de embriões.

- 2.1.6 No cases of vesicular stomatitis have been reported during the twenty-one (21) days prior to embryo collection. /

Não tenham sido reportados oficialmente casos de Estomatite Vesicular nos vinte e um (21) dias anteriores à coleta de embriões.

3 DONOR ANIMAL(S)/ ANIMAL(IS) DOADOR(ES)

- 3.1 The donor animal(s) were continuously resident in New Zealand for at least ninety (90) days prior to embryo collection. If imported, they were sourced from a country with equal or superior health status. / *O(s) animal(ais) doador(es) residiu (residiram) continuamente na Nova Zelândia por pelo menos noventa (90) dias anteriores à coleta dos embriões. Se importados, foram provenientes de um país com condição sanitária igual ou superior.*

- 3.2 The embryo donor(s) was resident at the premises of origin for at least thirty (30) days prior to collection, and during this time was kept separate from sheep not of an equivalent health status. / *Os doadores de embriões residiram nas instalações de origem por pelo menos 30 (trinta) dias antes da coleta, e durante este tempo, se mantiveram separados de carneiros com status de saúde não equivalente.*

- 3.3 The embryo donor(s) was free from clinical evidence of infectious diseases transmissible by embryo transfer for at least thirty (30) days prior and thirty (30) days after embryo collection, and during the collection period of the embryos for export. / *Os doadores de embriões estavam livres de evidências clínicas de doenças contagiosas transmissíveis por transferência de embrião por até trinta (30) dias antes e trinta (30) dias posteriores da coleta de embriões e durante o período de coleta de embriões para exportação.*

- 3.4 The embryo(s) in this consignment were fertilised with semen that is eligible for export to Brazil. / *Os embriões desta remessa foram fertilizados com sêmen qualificado para exportação ao Brasil.*

4 DIAGNOSTIC TESTS / TESTES DE DIAGNÓSTICO

- 4.1 The embryo donor(s) have been tested for ovine epididymitis (*Brucella ovis*) with negative results using a complement fixation test (CFT) or enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) between twenty-one (21) days prior to collection and sixty (60) days after the final collection of the embryo for export. / *As doadoras foi(foram) testada(s) para epididimite ovina (Brucella ovis), com resultado negativo por meio do teste de Fixação de Complemento ou ELISA, entre os vinte e um (21) e sessenta (60) dias posteriores à última coleta dos embriões a serem exportados.*

5 COLLECTION, PROCESSING AND STORING OF THE EMBRYO(S) / COLETA, PROCESSAMENTO E ARMAZENAMENTO DO EMBRIÃO(S)

- 5.1 The embryo collection team has been supervised by a registered veterinarian and has been approved by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries to collect embryos for export. / *A equipe de coleta de embriões é supervisionada por um veterinário cadastrado e é aprovada pelo Ministry for Primary Industries da Nova Zelândia para coletar embriões para exportação.*

- 5.2 The embryo team has not operated in an area under quarantine restriction during the period of collection and processing of embryos for export to Brazil. / *A equipe de embriões não opera em uma área com restrição de quarentena durante o período de coleta e processamento de embriões para exportação ao Brasil.*

- 5.3 The embryo(s) were collected, processed, identified and stored in accordance with the recommendations set out in the WOAHP Terrestrial Animal Health Code and the International Embryo Technology Society (IETS) Manual, including additional treatment with trypsin. / *Os embriões foram coletados, processados, identificados e armazenados de acordo com as recomendações estabelecidas pelo Código de Saúde de Animais Terrestres da WOAHP e o Manual da*

Certificate No / *Certificado n°*:Sociedade de Tecnologia Embrionária Internacional (*IETS*), *incluindo tratamento adicional com tripsina*.

- 5.4 Any products of animal origin used in the processing of the embryo(s) should be obtained from sources that minimise any animal health risk. / *Qualquer produto de origem animal usado no processamento de embriões deve ser obtido de fontes que minimizem qualquer risco à saúde do animal.*
- 5.5 After washing, the zona pellucida of each embryo was examined on its surface, using a microscope with a magnification of not less than 50X, and was intact and free of adherent material. / *Após lavagem, a zona pelúcida de cada embrião foi examinada em sua superfície, usando um microscópio com magnificação de não menos que 50X, e estava intacta e livre de material aderente.*
- 5.6 Only new or disinfected containers and fresh liquid nitrogen, were used for storage of the embryo(s). / *Apenas botijões criogênicos novos ou desinfetados e nitrogênio líquido fresco foram usados para armazenar os embriões.*
- 5.7 The embryos were stored for a period of thirty (30) days prior to dispatch. / *Os embriões foram armazenados por um período mínimo de trinta (30) dias anteriores ao embarque.*

6. TRANSPORT/ TRANSPORTE

- 6.1 Prior to shipment, the container with the embryo(s) identified above was sealed with an official seal by an Official Veterinarian. / *Antes do envio, o botijão com embriões identificado acima foi lacrado com um lacre oficial por um Veterinário Oficial.*

Number of the seal /

Número do selo:

Serial number of the container /

Número de série do botijão

.....
 Official Veterinarian /
Veterinário Oficial
 Ministry for Primary Industries /

.....
 Official Stamp and Date /
Carimbo Oficial e Data

.....
 Name and Address of Office /
Nome e endereço do escritório

Note: The Official Veterinarian must sign, date and stamp each page of the veterinary certificate using a different colour ink to the paper and the print, and, where applicable, sign, date and stamp each page of the documents (e.g. laboratory reports) that form part of the extended health certification.