

Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification -Animal Products Act 1999 –MAF Biosecurity New Zealand

Ref: AE-FJ 13L

Date: 08 July 2009

OMAR B HORANIEC.FIJ 08.07.09 – HORSES TO FIJI

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

(i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled horses to Fiji.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 27th day of July 2009.

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(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. Fiji Requirements

Horses to Fiji must comply with the import requirements of Fiji listed in this notice as follows:

2.1 An import permit is required for the exportation of horses from New Zealand to Fiji.

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 New Zealand is free of African horse sickness, equine infectious anaemia, equine encephalitis (Eastern & Western; Venezuelan; Japanese, Western Nile; Semliki Forest), vesicular stomatitis, glanders, equine trypanosomiasis and epizootic lymphangitis, and none

of these diseases has occurred in New Zealand during the 12 months prior to the export of the animal(s).

2.2.2 New Zealand is free of equine influenza, and this disease has not occurred in New Zealand during the 6 months prior to the export of the animal(s).

2.2.3 The place of origin of each animal and the premises from which it has been shipped are free of contagious equine metritis.

2.2.4 Within 7 days prior to the scheduled date of export, each animal has been sprayed thoroughly with an insecticidal preparation.

2.2.5 Within 7 days prior to the scheduled date of export, each animal has been treated for internal gastro-intestinal parasites and bots (*Gastrophilus* spp.).

2.2.6 Within 7 days prior to the scheduled date of export, each animal was examined and found to be free of clinical disease and ectoparasites.

2.3 The owner or his/her authorised agent must declare:

2.3.1 that the animal(s) described in the export certificate has/have been free from clinical disease during the 6 months immediately prior to the scheduled date of shipment; and

2.3.2 that during that time, the animal(s) has/have resided at the address(es) as specified on the export certificate.

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

This OMAR is based on the export certificate for horses to Fiji dated 8 July 2009.

Additional information on OMAR notification – HORANIEC.FIJ 08.07.09

1. This is a new OMAR based on the new export certificate, which is based on the import requirements received as part of an Import Permit issued by the Animal Health and Production Division, Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Primary Industries, Fiji Islands. The certificate was approved by Dr Robin R. Achari, Acting Principal Veterinary Officer, Animal Health and Production Division, in an e-mail dated 22 July 2009.
2. On arrival in Fiji, the animals will be subject to quarantine / veterinary checks. The animal(s) will be in quarantine for one month, and should any exotic disease(s) be detected during this period, all measures deemed appropriate to contain this/these disease(s) will be taken, with all costs associated with these measures to be borne by the importer.
3. The Quarantine Section of the Ministry of Agriculture (phone: (679) 3312512; fax: (679) 3305043) should be informed **in writing at least 2 weeks** prior to the arrival of the animals, so that veterinary quarantine inspection and clearance can be arranged.
4. The export certificate for horses to Fiji can be used for the export of horses, asses and mules.

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'.