

# **Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999**

## **Regulation and Assurance Branch, Animal and Animal Products Directorate, Ministry for Primary Industries**

Ref: AE-FJ-09

Date: 21 December 2017

### **PETANI.FJ 21 December 2017 – DOGS AND CATS TO FIJI**

#### **1. Statutory authority**

Pursuant to section 60, section 60A, section 62(1) and section 167 of the Animal Products Act 1999 I notify the following:

- (i) the issue under section 60 of the OMAR for Dogs and cats to Fiji, PETANI.FJ, dated 21 December 2017;
- (ii) the determination under section 62(1) of the format and content of the official assurance for dogs and cats to Fiji;
- (iii) the revocation and replacement of the OMAR for Dogs and cats to Fiji, DOMANIEC.FJ, 14 January 2015.

This notice takes effect from the 21 December 2017.

Dated at Wellington this 14th day of December 2017.

Signed Howard Pharo  
Manager Import and Export Animals  
Animal and Animal Products Directorate  
Regulation and Assurance Branch  
(acting under delegated authority)

#### **2. Fiji requirements**

Dogs and cats exported from New Zealand to Fiji must be accompanied by an official assurance in the form of a completed zoosanitary certificate.

The zoosanitary certificate as specified below must be completed and certified, after due enquiry, by an Official Veterinarian of the Ministry for Primary Industries.

Explanatory note: If the zoosanitary certificate is not certified then the dogs and cats do not satisfy the conditions in the notice. Likewise, if the dogs and cats do not satisfy the zoosanitary requirements in the certificate, then the certificate will not be certified.



Certificate No: .....

**NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES**

**ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE**

Species: DOGS AND CATS

To: FIJI

Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND

Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Import Permit Number: .....

**I: IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMAL(S)**

Name	Microchip number and site	Species	Breed	Sex	Age

Total number of animals in this consignment: .....

**II: SOURCE OF ANIMAL(S)**

Name and address of exporter: .....  
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Place of origin of animal(s): .....  
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Port of embarkation: .....

**III: DESTINATION OF ANIMAL(S)**

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

Port of arrival: .....

#### IV: SANITARY INFORMATION

I, ....., an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries certify, after due enquiry with respect to the animal(s) identified in this Zoosanitary Certificate that:

##### 1. COUNTRY HEALTH STATUS

- 1.1 New Zealand is free of *Brucella canis* and rabies, and no case of indigenously acquired rabies has been reported in humans or any other animal species during the past two (2) years.

##### 2. RESIDENCY STATUS

- 2.1 Each animal has been continuously resident in New Zealand, since birth or for at least six (6) months, prior to scheduled date of export and has not been resident in any quarantine facility or under any restrictions due to disease during the thirty (30) days immediately preceding export.

##### 3. IDENTIFICATION AND HEALTH STATUS

- 3.1 After due inquiry and physical examination, I am satisfied that the animal(s) will not be more than forty two (42) days pregnant or suckling young at the scheduled date of export.
- 3.2 After due inquiry and physical examination, I am satisfied that the animal(s) will be greater than sixteen (16) weeks old at the scheduled date of export.

##### 4. PRE-EXPORT TESTING, VACCINATION AND TREATMENT

###### 4.1 In the case of dogs:

- 4.1.1 Each dog has been fully vaccinated, according to the manufacturer's instructions, against canine distemper, canine parvovirus, infectious canine hepatitis and parainfluenza virus at least thirty (30) days, and not more than twelve (12) months, prior to the scheduled date of export.

Date of vaccination: .....

###### 4.1.2 In regards to Leptospirosis:

- \*Either** [4.1.2.1 Each dog has been vaccinated against leptospirosis with *Leptospira interrogans* var Icterohaemorrhagiae within thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date of export.

Date of vaccination: .....]

- \*Or** [4.1.2.2 Each dog has been tested, with a negative result, for *Leptospira interrogans* var Icterohaemorrhagiae infection by the serum agglutination test on a sample collected within thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date of export.

Date of test: .....]

(\*Delete as appropriate)

###### 4.2 In the case of cats:

- 4.2.1 Each cat has been fully vaccinated, according to the manufacturer's instructions, against feline enteritis, feline rhinotracheitis and feline calicivirus, at least thirty (30) days and not more than twelve (12) months prior to the scheduled date of export.

Date of vaccination: .....

4.3 For dogs and cats:

- 4.3.1 Within thirty (30) days of the scheduled date of export each animal has been treated twice with a broadspectrum anthelmintic effective against internal parasites, at the recommended dose rate, at least fourteen (14) days apart, with the second dose being within forty eight (48) hours of the scheduled date of export.

First treatment date: .....

Active ingredient(s): .....

Dose rate: .....

Second treatment date: .....

Active ingredient(s): .....

Dose rate: .....

- 4.3.2 Within four (4) days of the scheduled date of export, each animal has been treated with an insecticide which is effective against ticks, lice and fleas.

Date of treatment: .....

Active ingredients: .....

Dose rate: .....

- 4.4 Within forty eight (48) hours prior to export, I examined each animal and it was free of clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease, visible ectoparasites and each animal was fit to travel.

## 5. DIAGNOSTIC TESTS

- 5.1 All immunological testing has been carried out by a veterinary diagnostic laboratory approved by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

## 6. TRANSPORT

- 6.1 There is only one animal per container and the container, at a minimum, meets IATA live animal transport standards. The container is fastened with an official seal bearing the number or marks:

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Signature of Official Veterinarian  
New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

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Official stamp and date

Name and Address.....  
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**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.**

## **EXPORT CERTIFICATION NOTES**

**(This is not part of the official certification)**

**SPECIES:** DOGS AND CATS

**COUNTRY:** FIJI

**NOTES:** This certificate replaces the previous one dated 14 January 2015 and has been updated to include the minimal age to travel clause for both dogs and cats. It has also amalgamated the Registered Veterinarian's Declaration into the official zoosanitary certificate, to now be signed by the official veterinarian only.

1. An Import Permit must be obtained from the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Biosecurity Authority of Fiji, before any animal(s) is/are brought into Fiji and must accompany the animal(s) to Fiji. The CEO must be informed at least ten (10) days prior to the arrival of the consignment to ensure quarantine clearance can be arranged.
2. Original vaccination certificates/laboratory report form(s) or copies endorsed by the Official Veterinarian must be attached to the Zoosanitary Certificate.
3. Each page of the export certificate, the laboratory report and vaccination certificates must be stamped with an Official Stamp of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries and be endorsed, by signature and date, by the Official Veterinarian.
4. All certification and documentation must be original and complete and all import conditions must be complied with; otherwise the animal(s) will either be re-shipped or destroyed upon arrival in Fiji, with all costs borne by the importer.
5. Post Entry Fees are to be paid in advance before the animals are allowed to board the aircraft bound for Fiji.
6. Regarding section II of the Zoosanitary Certificate: 'Place of origin of animals': this refers to all the animal's residential premises during the thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date of export.
7. There must be no other animals on the aircraft, other than animals of New Zealand origin.
8. The following breeds of dogs are prohibited from importation into Fiji: Dogo Argentino, Fila Brasileiro, Japanese Tosa, Pit Bull Terrier, including American Pit Bull Terrier, or crosses of any of the above.
9. During transport the animal(s) must fly directly to Fiji and not be transhipped at any other port. The official seals on the container(s) each animal is in must be intact upon arrival in Fiji.
10. Each animal's microchip must be able to be read by an Avid/ Destron/Trovan or other ISO compatible microchip reader.
11. Animals will be released after the non-negotiable minimum quarantine period only if they remain healthy throughout the post-entry quarantine period and the quarantine fees have been paid. The minimum quarantine period is seven (7) days at the government Post-Entry Quarantine (PEQ) Station at Koronivia. Home quarantine is NOT an option. For details of quarantine and other fees, please contact the PEQ Station on Phone

(679) 3477 044; Fax (679) 3400 408.

12. The PEQ must be contacted well ahead of time (6-8 weeks) before departure from the country of origin to book kennel space reservations. Contact: Mr Shonal Shalvesh Chand, Station Officer PEQ, Tel: (679) 3479 024, Mobile: 679 9740393, Email: [schand@baf.com.fj](mailto:schand@baf.com.fj)
13. Pet food (cat/dog food, special diet or veterinary prescribed feed) for pets sufficient for the quarantine period only may accompany the animals without an import permit. A separate import permit must be obtained for pet food that will be used after the post entry quarantine period.

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**Section 61A 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'.**