

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

Ref: AE-JM 05L

Date: 18 January 2010

OMAR B BOVSEMEC.JAM 18.01.10 – BOVINE SEMEN TO JAMAICA

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

(i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled bovine semen to Jamaica.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington on this 25th day of March 2010.

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MAF Biosecurity New Zealand
(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. Jamaican Requirements

Bovine semen exported from New Zealand to Jamaica must comply with the import requirements of Jamaica listed in this notice as follows:

2.1 An Import Permit is required for the exportation of bovine semen from New Zealand to Jamaica.

2.2 An Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, must certify, after due enquiry:

2.2.1 New Zealand is officially free of bluetongue, brucellosis (*Brucella abortus* & *B. melitensis*), contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, foot-and-mouth disease, lumpy skin disease, Rift Valley fever, rinderpest and vesicular stomatitis.

2.2.2 The semen collection centre at which the semen was collected:

2.2.2.1 is approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

2.2.2.2 is under the direct supervision and sanitary control of a centre veterinarian who is approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

2.2.2.3 meets the Certified Semen Services (CSS) minimum requirements for disease control of semen produced for AI, or equivalent standards.

2.2.3 The semen collection centre is officially free of bovine tuberculosis.

2.2.4 During the 12 months prior to the collection of the semen, the semen collection centre was clinically free of bovine genital campylobacteriosis, bovine viral diarrhoea, enzootic bovine leukosis, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis, Johne's disease, leptospirosis and trichomonosis.

2.2.5 The donor animal(s) and all other cattle at the semen collection centre were born and raised in New Zealand and have never been used for natural service.

2.2.6 At the time of collection of the semen, the donor bull(s) was healthy and free of clinical evidence of infectious diseases that are transmissible by semen.

2.2.7 Within 6 months prior to the collection of the semen, the donor bull(s) has been tested, with negative results, for the following diseases:

2.2.7.1 Bovine tuberculosis, using the intradermal tuberculin test

2.2.7.2 Leptospirosis:

2.2.7.2.1 either using an ELISA or the microscopic agglutination test (MAT) (for the MAT, negative is less than 50% agglutination at 1:100)

2.2.7.2.2 or on arrival at the semen collection centre, they were injected with dihydrostreptomycin or another antibiotic which is effective in eliminating leptospire from the kidneys

(To be deleted as appropriate)

2.2.7.3 Trichomonosis, using direct microscopic and culture examination of a preputial sample

2.2.7.4 Bovine genital campylobacteriosis, using culture examination of a preputial sample

2.2.7.5 Johne's disease, using an ELISA or the complement fixation (CF) test

2.2.7.6 Enzootic bovine leukosis, using an ELISA or the agar-gel immunodiffusion (AGID) test.

2.2.8 All laboratory testing was undertaken in a laboratory approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry to do testing for export purposes.

2.2.9 The semen was treated with antibiotics that are effective against *Leptospira* and *Mycoplasma* spp., and in accordance with the relevant OIE guidelines.

2.2.10 The semen has been stored for at least 28 days prior to export.

2.2.11 The shipping container is:

2.2.11.1 either new

2.2.11.2 or has been cleaned and disinfected.

(To be deleted as applicable)

2.2.12 Fresh liquid nitrogen has been used to charge the shipping container.

2.2.13 Prior to shipment, the shipping container was sealed by an Official Veterinarian of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, using a MAF seal which bears the marks to be recorded on the export certificate. Serial number of the shipping container.

2.2.14 Any filled cryovessel (e.g., straw, vial or ampoule) that was found to be cracked or otherwise not intact was excluded from this shipment.

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 bovine semen to Jamaica dated 18 January 2010.

**Additional Information on OMAR Notification: BOVSEMEC.JAM
18.01.10**

1. This is a new OMAR which is based on the import conditions provided as part of a Veterinary Import Permit from the Veterinary Services Division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in Jamaica. The certificate was approved by Dr S Martin-Shaw on 11 March 2010.
2. Clause 2.2.2.3: testing of donor bulls (as per the CSS requirements) for diseases or pathogens that are exotic in New Zealand (e.g. brucellosis and certain *Leptospira* serovars) should not be required under this protocol.
3. At least 48 hours notice of the arrival of the semen must be given to the Director of the Veterinary Services Division, 193 Old Hope Road, Kingston 6 (phone: + 1876 977-2489).

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'.