

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

Ref: AE-JP 22L

Date: 08 May 2008

OMAR B RABANIEC.JPN 08.05.08 – COMPANION RABBITS to JAPAN

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

(i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled companion rabbits to Japan

(ii) Revoke OMAR B RABANIEC. JPN 23.04.08.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 23rd day of May 2008.

Signed: Karen Sparrow
Manager Exports
Border Standards
MAF Biosecurity New Zealand
(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. Japan Requirements

Companion rabbits exported from New Zealand to Japan must comply with the import requirements of Japan listed in this notice as follows:

2.1 An official veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, must certify, after due enquiry, the following:

2.1.1 After due enquiry, the official veterinarian has no reason to doubt the owner's/exporter's declaration.

2.1.2 New Zealand is free of tularaemia (*Francisella tularensis*), rabbit syphilis (*Treponema cuniculi*), and myxomatosis.

2.1.3 There has been no evidence of *Pasteurella multocida* ('snuffles') in the herd in which the companion rabbit(s) has been born or resided during the 12 months prior to export (the herd is hereafter referred to as 'herd of origin').

2.1.4 During the 30 days prior to the scheduled date of export:

2.1.4.1 no rabbits have been introduced into the herd of origin

2.1.4.2 there has been no evidence of infectious disease(s) in the herd of origin.

2.1.5 The rabbit(s) was examined within 48 hours immediately prior to export and was found to be clinically healthy and free from evidence of infectious disease and external parasites, and was fit to travel.

2.1.6 During transport to the port of export and to Japan the container(s) carrying the rabbit(s) was:

2.1.6.1 either new

2.1.6.2 or cleaned and disinfected prior to loading, using a disinfectant registered in New Zealand.

(To be deleted as appropriate)

2.2 The owner/exporter must declare the following:

2.2.1 The rabbit(s) for export were born and have been continuously resident in New Zealand.

2.2.2 During the 30 days prior to the scheduled date of export:

2.2.2.1 no rabbits have been introduced into the herd of origin

2.2.2.2 there has been no evidence of infectious disease(s) in the herd of origin.

2.2.3 There has been no evidence of *Pasteurella multocida* ('snuffles') in the herd in which the rabbit(s) resided during the 12 months prior to export.

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 dated 8 May 2008 based on the Animal Health Requirements for companion rabbits to be exported to Japan from New Zealand.

Additional Information on OMAR Notification: RABANIEC.JPN 08.05.08

1. This OMAR replaces the previous one dated 23 April 2008. The only change was the requirement for an import permit being removed.
2. This export certificate is only for the export of pet rabbits to Japan and does not apply to the export of rabbits for breeding or commercial use.

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'.