

OVERSEAS MARKET ACCESS REQUIREMENTS NOTIFICATION - ANIMAL PRODUCTS ACT 1999 – STANDARDS BRANCH, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY NEW ZEALAND

Ref: AE-MY-35L

Date: 27 October 2011

OMAR B FISELAEC.MAL 27.10.11 – LIVE ELASMOBRANCHS to MALAYSIA

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled Live Elasmobranchs to Malaysia.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 9th day of December 2011.

Signed: Matthew Stone BVSc MVS MANZCVSc
Director Animal and Animal Products
Standards Branch
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. Malaysia requirements

Live Elasmobranchs exported from New Zealand to Malaysia must comply with the import regulations of Malaysia listed in this notice as follows.

2.1 An Import Permit is required for the exportation of live elasmobranchs to Malaysia.

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 The elasmobranchs are not sourced from a population associated with any significant infectious disease or pests and there have not been any unusual or substantial outbreaks of

infectious fish disease or pests in the areas from which the elasmobranchs have been collected during the six (6) months prior to collection.

2.2.2 The elasmobranchs were collected from an area at least five (5) kilometres from any foodfish aquaculture operation and the elasmobranchs in the consignment have not come into contact with water, equipment or fish associated with farmed foodfish (fish farmed for human consumption including recreational fishing).

2.2.3 The elasmobranchs are wild caught and have not been bred or hatched on a farm or other premises.

2.2.4 The elasmobranchs have been examined within seventy two (72) hours prior to the scheduled date of export by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and found to be healthy and free from any clinical signs of disease.

2.2.5 The elasmobranchs have not been subjected to any prohibitions due to unresolved increased mortality.

2.2.6 The elasmobranchs have not been kept in water in common with farmed foodfish (fish farmed for human consumption including recreational fishing).

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

These overseas market access requirements are based on the current export certificate for Live Elasmobranchs to Malaysia, dated 27 October 2011.

Additional Information for OMAR Notification: FISELAEC.MAL 27.10.11

1. This is a new export certificate. This export certificate is based on Animal Health Certification Requirements for Import of Ornamental Fish into Malaysia and the WTO notification G/SPS/N/MYS/26/Add.1 dated 1 June 2011. This certificate was approved by the Fisheries Biosecurity Division, Department of Fisheries Malaysia on 1 December 2011.

2. An Import Permit is required.

3. Elasmobranchs refers to sharks, rays and chimeras intended for public aquaria, zoological facilities and oceanariums. It excludes fish and fish products intended for human consumption.

4. A Zoosanitary Certificate is required for every shipment of ornamental fish imported into Malaysia which are either susceptible (a species of aquatic animal in which infection has been demonstrated by natural causes or by experimental exposures to the disease agent that mimics the natural pathways for infection as defined by the OIE) or can act as a vector to the following disease(s):

Disease	Susceptible species	Species which shall be regarded as vectors
Spring viraemia of carp (SVC)	As listed in OIE Aquatic Animal Health Code	
Koi herpesvirus disease (KHV)	As listed in OIE Aquatic Animal Health Code	
Epizootic ulcerative syndrome (EUS)	As listed in OIE Aquatic Animal Health Code	
Epizootic haematopoietic necrosis (EHN)	As listed in OIE Aquatic Animal Health Code	Goldfish (<i>Carassius auratus</i>), koi carp (<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>)
Furunculosis (<i>Aeromonas salmonicida</i>)	Goldfish (<i>Carassius auratus</i>)	
Goldfish haematopoietic necrosis virus (GFHNV)	Goldfish (<i>Carassius auratus</i>)	
White spot disease (WSD) (white spot syndrome virus WSSV)	As listed in OIE Aquatic Animal Health Code	

Irrespective of the above, Zoosanitary Certificates are required for every shipment of marine ornamental fish imported into Malaysia.

5. Labelling of consignments – the consignment is identified by a legible label on the exterior of every packing bag or container with the following information:

- name of establishment of origin or harvest
- name of importer.

6. The imported elasmobranchs may be subjected to quarantine at the registered importer's premise within seven (7) to twenty one (21) days depending on the species. Registered importers shall also comply with any post import measure imposed by the Department of Fisheries.

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'