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

Ref: AE-MY 24/11L
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OMAR B SAGANIEC.MAL 19.03.07 – SHEEP AND GOATS (BREEDING) TO WEST MALAYSIA

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

(i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled sheep and goats (breeding) to West Malaysia.

(ii) Revoke OMAR B SAGANIEC.MAL 25.03.04.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 22nd day of February 2008.

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

2. Requirements of West Malaysia

Sheep and goats (breeding) exported from New Zealand to West Malaysia must comply with the import requirements of West Malaysia listed in this notice as follows:

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

2.2. An import permit is required for the export of sheep and goats (breeding) from New Zealand to West Malaysia.

2.2.1 New Zealand is officially free of anaplasmosis, anthrax, ruminant babesiosis, bluetongue, brucellosis (*Brucella abortus & Brucella melitensis*) (for at least 5 years), contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, foot-and-mouth disease, heartwater, maedi-visna, melioidosis, Q fever, rabies, Rift Valley fever, rinderpest and scrapie.

2.2.1 Vaccination against these diseases is not permitted in New Zealand.

2.2.2 The tests stated below for *Brucella ovis*, caprine arthritis-encephalitis, and Johne's disease can be waived if the official veterinarian can certify that:

2.2.2.1 There has been neither clinical nor serological diagnosis of caprine arthritis-encephalitis and Johne's disease during the past 3 years, and *B. ovis* for the past 12 months prior to export

2.2.2.2 No sheep or goats from a farm with an inferior health status were introduced onto the farm of origin during that period.

2.2.3 The animals were sourced from properties on which there have not been any cases of caseous lymphadenitis, caused by *Corynebacterium pseudotuberculosis*, diagnosed in the past 2 years.

2.2.4 All animals for export were vaccinated twice, at least 4 weeks apart, for *Corynebacterium pseudotuberculosis* prior to shipment. Product used and dates of vaccination.

2.2.5 Within 30 days prior to the scheduled date of export, the animals have been subjected to the following tests, with negative results in each case: (to be deleted as appropriate):

2.2.5.1 Johne's disease, using the agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID) test or ELISA

2.2.5.2 brucellosis (*B. ovis*), using the complement fixation (CF) test (negative is < 25 IU) or ELISA (for male sheep only)

2.2.5.3 caprine arthritis-encephalitis, using the AGID test or ELISA (**for goats only**)

2.2.5.4 *Leptospira pomona* and *L hardjo*, using:

Either 2.2.5.4.1 a microscopic agglutination test (MAT)

Or 2.2.5.4.2 the animals were treated twice with an intra-muscular injection of 25 mg dihydrostreptomycin per kg of live weight; the first injection being given 14 days prior to the scheduled date of shipment and the second within 48 hours of the scheduled date of shipment

Or 2.2.5.4.3 the animals were treated once with a long-acting oxytetracycline (20 mg/kg live weight) within 7 days of the scheduled date of export.

2.2.6 Within 7 days immediately prior to the scheduled date of export, the animals were:

Either 2.2.6.1 dipped with an approved acaricide

Or 2.2.6.2 treated with a broad-spectrum anthelmintic and treated for ecto-parasites, including ticks.

2.2.7 The animals were examined within 24 hours immediately prior to the scheduled date of export and were clinically healthy and free of evidence of any infectious or contagious diseases.

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 export certificate for sheep and goats (breeding) to West Malaysia dated 19 March 2007 which was approved by Dr. Maznah Binti Ahmad, Head of Quarantine Service and Import/Export Section, Department of Veterinary Services, Malaysia in a letter dated 29 January 2008.

Additional Information on OMAR Notification: SAGANIEC.MAL 19.03.07

1. The only changes that have been made in this OMAR are the inclusion of the ELISA for Johne's disease and B. ovis testing, the requirement of caprine arthritis-encephalitis (CAE) testing for goats only, the additional option for using long-acting oxytetracycline as a leptospirosis treatment, and some editorial changes.

2. Clause 2.2.2: Farm of origin – Declarations must be obtained from the veterinary practitioner associated with the farm of origin for sub-clause 2.2.2 and from the owner/manager of the farm of origin for sub-clauses 2.2.2.2 and 2.2.3.

3. Clause 2.2.2 – A declaration must be obtained from the veterinary practitioners associated with the flocks of origin.

4. Clause 2.2.4 - Laboratory tests must be undertaken at a laboratory approved to do export testing. Reports on test results, dates of treatments, products used and dosage must be sighted.

5. Clause 2.2.7 - The examination of the goats must be undertaken by a registered veterinarian.

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'.