

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

Ref: AE-NP 24L

Date: 10 June 08

OMAR B OVISEMEC.NEP10.06.08– OVINE SEMEN TO NEPAL

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

(a) I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled ovine semen to Nepal.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington on this 27th day of May 2009.

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(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. Nepal Requirements

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

2.1 An import permit is required for the exportation of ovine semen to Nepal.

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 free of anthrax, hydatidosis, rabies, foot-and-mouth disease, vesicular stomatitis, bluetongue, caprine & ovine brucellosis (*Brucella melitensis*), contagious agalactia, maedi-visna, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, enzootic abortion of ewes (ovine chlamydiosis), scrapie, peste des petits ruminants, Q fever, pulmonary adenomatosis, Nairobi sheep disease, *Salmonella Abortus-ovis*, and sheep & goat pox.

2.2.2 The centre veterinarian who supervised the collection and processing of this semen is approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

2.2.3 The approved centre veterinarian is responsible for:

2.2.3.1 isolating the donors from all other ruminants not of equivalent health status prior to semen collection for this consignment

2.2.3.2 supervising the isolation period

2.2.3.3 supervising the blood sampling of donors and collection and processing of the semen.

2.2.4 Each donor resided only on properties where bovine tuberculosis has not been diagnosed in sheep or goats during the 3 years immediately prior to collection.

2.2.5 Each donor showed no clinical signs of Johne's disease during the collection period.

2.2.6 Each donor:

2.2.6.1 Either originated from a flock accredited free from *Brucella ovis* infection

2.2.6.2 Or was tested, with negative results, for *Brucella ovis* infection within 30 days prior to entry onto the semen collection centre, using a CFT or an ELISA, and during that time was kept isolated from other animals not of the same health status. Date of sampling for *Brucella ovis* testing (if applicable) and test used.

2.2.7 On the day of the first collection of semen for this consignment, the donor animal(s) were examined by the centre veterinarian and found to be clinically healthy.

2.2.8 At the time of collection each donor was free of any prohibition or quarantine restrictions.

2.2.9 During the 7-day period immediately prior to semen collection and during the period of semen collection the donors were kept isolated from sheep not of equivalent health status.

2.2.10 The semen in the consignment specified on the export certificate was collected, handled and stored in accordance with the relevant sections of the OIE *Code* for Bovine and Small Ruminant Semen.

2.2.11 The semen was identified, and has been stored in fresh liquid nitrogen since the end of the collection period until export, under the supervision of the Official Veterinarian in containers in which no biological material, other than semen, embryos, or ova of equivalent health status, was held.

2.2.12 The container for export was:

2.2.12.1 Either a new shipper

2.2.12.2 Or prior to loading, emptied and inspected and any loose straws removed. The shipper, including all surfaces contacting the straws, was disinfected. Disinfectant used and active ingredient. Date of disinfection.

(MAF approve the following disinfectants: 2% available chlorine, Virkon at the manufacturer's recommended rate, or irradiation at 50kGy.)

(To be deleted as appropriate)

2.2.13 Prior to export the transportation container, containing new liquid nitrogen, was sealed by an Official Veterinarian using a seal bearing the marks (number to be recorded on the export certificate). Serial number of the transportation container.

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 new export certificate for ovine semen to Nepal dated 10 June 2008.

Additional Information on OMAR Notification: OVISEMEC.NEP10.06.08

1. This is a new OMAR. The export certificate was approved by Dr Kamal Raj Acharya of the Department of Livestock Services, Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operatives, Government of Nepal, in an e-mail dated 26 May 2009.

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'.