



# Dogs and Cats to Vietnam (OMAR)

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## TITLE

Animal Products Notice: Dogs and Cats to Vietnam (OMAR)

## COMMENCEMENT

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 16 October 2023

## REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- *OMAR B DOMANIEC.VIE – DOGS and CATS to VIETNAM*, dated 1 December 2004

## ISSUING AUTHORITY

This Animal Products Notice is issued under sections 167(1) and 60(1) of the Animal Products Act 1999.

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## Introduction

This introduction is not part of the Animal Products Notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

## Purpose

The purpose of this document is to set out the zoosanitary requirements necessary to export compliant dogs and cats from New Zealand to Vietnam.

## Background

The Animal Products Act 1999 provides the controls and mechanisms needed to give and to safeguard official assurances or zoosanitary certificates to facilitate the entry of animal material including live animals, hatching eggs, semen and embryos, and products into overseas markets.

Notices issued as Overseas Market Access Requirements (OMARs) under section 60(1)(a) and (b) of the Animal Products Act specify the requirements that are necessary or desirable for the purpose of facilitating access to overseas markets or are in accordance with the requirements of the relevant authority of the importing country.

OMARs may also determine the form and content of the official assurances that can be issued for animal material or product, including live animals, hatching eggs, semen or embryos, which meet the specified requirements.

Where the OMAR determines the form and content of the official assurances, a separate export certificate template is available to authorised persons, recognised persons and registered exporters who have applied for access to the certificate templates, to facilitate the completion and issuing of the relevant official assurance. That template will be an amendable version of the form set in the OMAR.

Notices issued under section 60(1)(c) of the Animal Products Act to safeguard the assurances provided by New Zealand, and guidance in the form of Operational Codes, should be read in conjunction with this Notice.

This OMAR specifies the requirements that must be met by exporters of dogs and cats to be exported from New Zealand to Vietnam and determines the form and content of the official assurance that must accompany the dogs and cats to be exported. The OMAR was issued after consultation with industry and the Vietnamese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Department of Animal Health. It is based on the previous OMAR: *OMAR B DOMANIEC.VIE – DOGS and CATS to VIETNAM*, dated 1 December 2004.

## Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of dogs and cats to Vietnam.

## Why is this important?

This Notice is important because it sets out the requirements that need to be met so that the Director-General of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) can certify that the dogs and cats meet the requirements for export to Vietnam which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of Vietnam, has determined will apply. It should be noted that although the dogs and cats may comply with these requirements and be given an official assurance (by way of a certificate), the importing country ultimately retains control over what dogs and cats it clears for entry.

## Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
16 October 2023	All sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The removal of the following vaccinations from the zoosanitary certificate:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Canine distemper</li><li>– Canine parvovirus</li><li>– Canine hepatitis</li><li>– Feline calicivirus</li><li>– Feline viral rhinotracheitis</li><li>– Feline chlamydiosis</li><li>– Feline panleukopenia</li></ul></li><li>• New OMAR format.</li></ul>

## Other information

### Export non-conformances

Exporters should note that, under section 51 of the Animal Products Act 1999, where they have exported animal material or products, including live animals, hatching eggs, semen and embryos, that are refused entry by the foreign government they have a statutory duty to notify the Director-General of MPI not later than 24 hours after they have first knowledge of the event.

### Liability

Section 61A of the Animal Products Act 1999 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.

### Related documents

OMAR documents can be downloaded from <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/export-requirements/omars-for-live-animals-semen-and-embryos/>

When you click on the + symbol on the right-hand side of any OMAR document, you can view the related information and documents (guidance document and export certificate template).

The export certificate for this OMAR is provided for in *Dogs and Cats to Vietnam (Export Certificate)*. The export certificate is password-protected through a RealMe® account.

## Part 1: Requirements

### 1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to the export of dogs and cats from New Zealand to Vietnam.

### 1.2 Definitions

- (1) In this Notice, unless the context otherwise requires:

**Act** means the Animal Products Act 1999

- (2) A term used in this Notice that is defined in the Act or the following Notices (or their successors) has the meaning given to it in the Act or that Notice:

- a) *Animal Products Notice: Official Assurances Specifications for Animal Material and Animal Products.*

### 1.3 Requirements for export

- (1) Dogs and cats exported from New Zealand to Vietnam must be accompanied by an official assurance in the form of a zoosanitary certificate, a sample version of which is included in Part 2.
- (2) A zoosanitary certificate must be completed and issued by an authorised person.
- (3) In order to issue a zoosanitary certificate, the authorised person must be satisfied that:
- a) A permit to import the dogs and cats has been issued by the competent authority of Vietnam if the consignment contains more than two animals.
- b) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice.

## Part 2: Zoosanitary Certificate



Certificate No: .....

### NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

#### ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Commodity: DOGS AND CATS

To: VIETNAM

Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND

Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Import Permit Number: .....

#### I: IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMAL(S)

Name	Species (Scientific name)	Breed	Colour	Sex	Date of birth	Microchip Number

#### II: ORIGIN OF THE ANIMAL(S)

Name and address of the owner or representative: .....

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Name, address and unique identifier of the MPI registered exporter (if applicable): .....

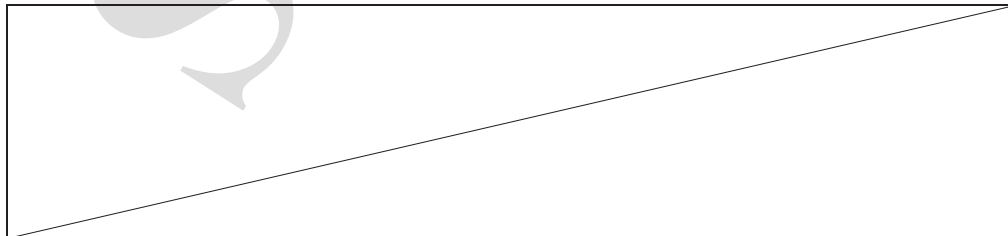
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#### III: DESTINATION OF THE ANIMAL(S)

Name and address of the importer: .....

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Means of transport: .....



**IV: SANITARY INFORMATION**

I, being an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand government, certify, after due enquiry with respect to the animal identified in this Zoosanitary Certificate, that

- 1 New Zealand is officially free of rabies.
- 2 The animal(s) will have been continuously resident in New Zealand for the 180 days immediately preceding the scheduled date of export or since birth.
- 3 The animal(s) will be at least 16 weeks of age at the scheduled date of export.
- 4 The animal(s) was vaccinated against rabies at least 30 days prior to the scheduled date of export and the duration of immunity for the vaccine will be valid at the scheduled date of export. A current rabies vaccination certificate with the identification of the animal(s) is attached.
- 5 The animal(s) was examined within 24 hours prior to the scheduled date of export. The animal(s) was healthy, free from visible ectoparasites and clinical signs of infectious disease and fit to travel.



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Signature of Official Veterinarian

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Official Stamp and Date

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Ministry for Primary Industries

.....  
Name and Address

**NB:** The Official Veterinarian must sign, date and stamp each page of the veterinary certificate using a different colour ink to the paper and the print, and, where applicable, sign, date and stamp each page of the documents (e.g. laboratory reports) that form part of the extended health certification.