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## **OVERSEAS MARKET ACCESS REQUIREMENTS NOTIFICATION**

### **ANIMAL PRODUCTS ACT 1999**

#### **BIOSECURITY AUTHORITY**

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**OMAR B OVIEMBEC.URU 04.04.03 - OVINE EMBRYOS to URUGUAY**

#### **1. Statutory authority**

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999, I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled ovine embryos to Uruguay.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2003.

Signed by Carolyn Hini  
National Manager International Animal Trade  
MAF Biosecurity Authority  
(pursuant to delegated authority)

#### **2. Uruguay Requirements**

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

2.1 An import permit is required for the exportation of ovine embryos to Uruguay.

2.2 An official veterinarian of New Zealand must certify the following:

2.2.1 New Zealand is free from bluetongue, Akabane, *Brucella abortus*, *B. melitensis*, *Chlamydophila abortus*, contagious agalactia, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, foot and mouth disease, maedi-visna, peste des petits ruminants, pulmonary adenomatosis, Q fever, Rift Valley fever, rinderpest, scrapie and sheep and goat pox.

- 2.2.2 The embryo collection centre has been free of clinical evidence of bovine tuberculosis, *Brucella ovis*, Border disease virus and leptospirosis for at least 3 years prior to the collection of the embryos for export to Uruguay.
- 2.2.3 The donor animals were:
  - 2.2.3.1 Either born, raised and continuously resident in New Zealand
  - 2.2.3.2 Or if imported from Australia were free from quarantine restrictions for at least 60 days prior to the collection of the embryos for export.
- 2.2.4 The donor animals originated from properties where tuberculosis had not been diagnosed in sheep during the 3 years immediately prior to collection
- 2.2.5 The semen used for insemination of the donor females was eligible for export to the Uruguay or if natural matings were used the semen donor was of equivalent health and isolation status to the donor females
- 2.2.6 The donor animals were isolated from other sheep not of an equivalent health status from the time the donors were sampled for laboratory tests and until after the last collection of embryos for this consignment
- 2.2.7 Prior to the first collection and again after the last collection of embryos for this consignment the donors were inspected by the Team Veterinarian and found to be clinically healthy.
- 2.2.8 Prior to entering the embryo collection centre the donor animals were tested with negative results for the following microorganism:
  - 2.2.8.1 *Brucella ovis* using either the CFT or ELISA. Test used and date sample was taken.
  - 2.2.8.2 Border disease virus using an antigen ELISA or virus isolation using the two-passage immunoperoxidase test. Test used and date sample was taken.
- 2.2.9 The embryo collection Team Veterinarian and the facilities used for processing and storing the embryos are approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.
- 2.2.10 The embryos were collected, processed and stored under the supervision of the Team Veterinarian in accordance with Appendix 3.3.2 of the OIE *International Animal Health Code, mammals, birds and bees* and the IETS *Manual*. The embryos were treated with the enzyme trypsin in accordance with the IETS *Manual*.
- 2.2.11 The export container which was either new or properly disinfected. If disinfected, date of disinfection and active ingredient.

2.2.12 The container was sealed at shipment by either an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry or the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry approved team veterinarian.

Number of seal on the tank.

### **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 import requirements for ovine embryos received from Uruguay 17 March 2003.*

### **Additional Information on OMAR Notification: OVIEMBEC.URU 04.04.03**

1. Each consignment of embryos must be accompanied by a valid import permit.
2. Breed certificates must accompany the imported animals for breeding records. The donor animals and their parents must not have shown evidence of genetic defects.