

OMARs with an uncertain status

These OMARs have not been used for a significant period of time. Therefore the requirements may have changed without the Ministry for Primary Industries knowledge.

If an exporter can provide the current import conditions, and the requirements still match, the certificate and the OMARs will be moved back into the published list of export certificates and OMAR's.

OVERSEAS MARKET ACCESS REQUIREMENTS NOTIFICATION – ANIMAL PRODUCTS ACT 1999 – BIOSECURITY NEW ZEALAND

Ref: AE-US 05L

Date: 2 May 2006

OMAR B BOVANIEC.USA 02.05.06- CATTLE to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999, I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled cattle to the United States of America.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 9th day of May 2006.

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

2. The United States of America Requirements

Cattle exported from New Zealand to the United States of America must comply with the import requirements of the United States of America listed in this notice as follows:

2.1 An import permit is required for the exportation of cattle to the United States of America.

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

2.2.1 New Zealand is free of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, contagious pleuropneumonia, Akabane, bluetongue, Aino, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, emperal fever and bovine brucellosis.

2.2.2 The animals for export were born and raised on a New Zealand farm which can be certified by the Ministry of Agriculture of New Zealand (MAF) as follows:

2.2.2.1 The farm(s) of origin is situated in an area classified by the Ministry of Agriculture of New Zealand (MAF) as a tuberculosis (TB) surveillance area. (A surveillance area excludes

those areas classified by MAF as endemic areas, fringe areas or special TB investigation areas)

2.2.2.2 MAF recognises the farm of origin as free from bovine TB

2.2.2.3 During the previous ten years, TB has not been diagnosed in animals residing on or originating from this farm(s)

2.2.2.4 Within the previous three years, all eligible cattle residing on this farm have been subjected to at least one complete herd test for TB, with negative results

2.2.2.5 Prior to entry into the embarkation quarantine facility, all animals for export were individually identified with tamper-proof identification.

2.2.3 The animals for export were isolated from other animals not of an equivalent health status for at least 60 days immediately prior to being shipped to the United States. During the pre-embarkation period the animals have been under supervision of an official veterinarian.

2.2.4 Within 10 days prior to the scheduled date of export the animals were treated for external parasites with a registered parasiticide. Trade mark name, active ingredients and concentration used to be recorded. Date of application.

2.2.5 An official veterinarian has inspected the animals and determined that the cattle were clinically healthy and fit to travel.

2.2.6 The official veterinarian conducted a thorough post-mortem examination on any deaths that occurred in the pre-embarkation facility (if applicable), and supervised all testing procedures.

2.2.7 Within 60 days of the scheduled date of export to the United States the animals were tested as described below. Only animals negative to all tests were eligible for import into the United States. Animals were tested as follows:

2.2.7.1 Tuberculosis - Negative intradermal TB test using *M. bovis* purified protein derivative (PPD) tuberculin. The test was conducted by a testing officer specifically trained and approved under New Zealand's Pest Management Strategy for Bovine Tuberculosis to undertake testing for bovine tuberculosis in New Zealand

2.2.7.2 There has been at least 60 days between this test and any previous intradermal TB test. The test was conducted at least 45 days prior to the anticipated date of arrival in the United States.

2.2.8 The animals for export were moved in cleaned and disinfected vehicles to the port of embarkation under the supervision of the official veterinarian. They were not commingled with any other livestock or with any cattle which had not been quarantined and tested to the same standards.

2.2.9 No animals other than those animals intended for export to the United States of America were permitted aboard the transporting vehicle.

2.2.10 All required certifications relating to the health of the animals, tests conducted, cleaning and disinfecting, and hay and bedding shall accompany the qualifying animals for export to the United States of America port of entry.

3. Revocations

OMAR B BOVANIEC.USA 27.05.96 - cattle to the United States of America is revoked and replaced by this OMAR notification.

4. 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 conditions 'United States Import of Live Cattle from New Zealand – June 2004', received from Dr Donna Malloy of the USDA on the 12 May 2005.

Additional Information on OMAR Notification: BOVANIEC.USA 02.05.06

1 This OMAR replaces the previous OMAR dated 27 May 1996. The main changes are the allowance for multiple source farms and the now obsolete requirement for *Brucella* testing being removed.

2. General Requirements:

2.1 The U.S. importer must obtain an import permit from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, National Center for Import and Export, 4700 River Road, Unit 39, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231.

2.2 The U.S. Importer must reserve quarantine space at the USDA Animal Import Center (AIC): New York AIC, Rock Tavern, New York - Telephone: (845) 564-2950

3. Transportation requirements:

3.1 The captain of the transporting carrier must be advised of the transportation requirements.

3.2 No stops shall be permitted except as provided in the U.S. import permit.

4. U.S. port of entry requirements:

4.1 Upon arrival at the first U.S. port, all hay, straw, bedding, manure, and similar material accompanying the animals (except pelleted feed stored separate and apart from the animals) must be removed and incinerated. The animal area and equipment must be cleaned and disinfected.

4.2 The U.S. import inspection, required tests, and quarantine will be accomplished at a USDA-operated AIC. Transport shall be arranged so that arriving at one of the U.S. AIC's will be with minimal time in transit. Only stops listed on the U.S. permit shall be allowed.

4.3 The animals for import shall be quarantined a minimum of 30 days and all required tests shall be repeated as appropriate.

4.4 Other tests or treatments may be required at the discretion of the Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services.

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.'