

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

Ref: AE-PG 09L

Date: 12 January 2009

OMAR B DOMANIEC.PNG 12.01.09 - DOGS AND CATS to PAPUA NEW GUINEA

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

(i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled dogs and cats to Papua New Guinea

(ii) Revoke OMAR B DOMANIEC.PNG 03.12.03.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 16th day of July 2009.

Signed: Matthew Stone BVSc MACVSc MVS (Epidemiology)
Group Manager
Animal Imports and Exports
Border Standards Directorate
MAF Biosecurity New Zealand
(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. Papua New Guinea Requirements

Dogs and cats exported from New Zealand to Papua New Guinea must comply with the import requirements of Papua New Guinea listed in this notice as follows:

2.1 An Import Permit is required for the exportation of dogs and cats Papua New Guinea.

2.2 An Official Veterinarian of New Zealand authorised by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry must certify the following:

2.2.1 He/she has read the owner's / agent's declaration with respect to the animal(s) for export and has no reason to doubt the truth of that declaration.

2.2.2 The animal(s) has been examined within 48 hours of embarkation and found to be in good health, and free of clinical evidence of infectious and contagious disease, ticks, stickfast fleas and any other external parasites.

2.2.3 The animal(s) has been treated with an approved acaricide (such as Fipronil) at the recommended dose rate, no more than 5 days prior to the scheduled date of shipment. Date of treatment. Acaricide used and concentration.

2.2.4 In the case of dog(s):

2.2.4.1 The dog(s) has been immunised against distemper, infectious canine hepatitis (canine adenovirus Type 2), canine parvovirus and parainfluenza with a registered commercial vaccine not less than fourteen (14) days and not more than twelve (12) months prior to export.

2.2.4.2 Within 14 days immediately preceding the date of shipment, the dog(s) has been treated with praziquantel at the dose rate of 5 mg per kg of bodyweight.

2.2.5 In the case of cat(s):

2.2.5.1 The cat(s) has been immunised against feline enteritis (panleucopenia), feline rhinotracheitis and feline calicivirus with a registered commercial vaccine not less than fourteen (14) days and not more than twelve (12) months prior to export.

2.3 The owner or the owner's agent of the animal(s) identified in Part 1 of the export certificate must solemnly and sincerely declare that:

2.3.1 The animal(s) is to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, free from all infectious and contagious diseases.

2.3.2 The animal(s) has not been in contact with diseased animals for the 30 days immediately preceding embarkation.

2.3.3 The animal(s) was born and raised in New Zealand or, if imported into New Zealand, the animal(s) has been cleared of quarantine requirements or has spent more than one (1) year (whichever is earliest) in Australia, Hawaii, Solomon Islands or Vanuatu prior to export to Papua New Guinea.

2.3.4 (**For dogs only**) The animal(s) is not a Pit Bull or American Pit Bull Terrier, Japanese Tosa, Brazilian Filas, Dogo Argentino, dingo or wolf (including a cross of one or more of these breeds or types).

2.3.5 And the owner or the owner's agent of the animal(s) exported must make a solemn declaration on the export certificate, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the Oaths and Declaration Act 1957.

2.3.6 A Justice of Peace or other person authorised to take a statutory declaration must witness above solemn declaration by the owner or the owner's agent of the animal(s) exported.

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 export certificate for dogs and cats to Papua New Guinea, dated 12 January 2009.

Additional Information on OMAR Notification: DOMANIEC.PNG

12.01.09

1. This OMAR replaces the one dated 3 December 2003. It has been updated to comply with the latest Import Conditions of Papua New Guinea. The certificate was approved by Dr. Nime Kapo BVSc, Acting Chief Veterinary Officer/Chief Quarantine Officer (Animals), National Agriculture Quarantine & Inspection Authority, Port Moresby on 10 July 2009.

2. An Import Permit can be obtained from:

National Agriculture Quarantine & Inspection Authority (NAQIA)
PO Box 741
Port Moresby
Papua New Guinea

Phone: + 675 325 9977; Fax: + 675 325 9310

E-mail: naqia@dg.com.pg

3. Dogs younger than 6 months of age at the time of export can only be exported to Papua New Guinea if they are accompanied by a breed declaration certificate issued by a breed association or council in the form of a Registration for Pedigree Certificate. Such a declaration must be made on appropriate letterhead paper, signed, dated and an official stamp affixed. It must also state the following details:

- a. breed particulars, including name of the dog and its identity
- b. name and address of the owner or agent
- c. name, address and contact details of the person making the declaration
- d. declaration stating that the breed of animal for export is not a Pit Bull Terrier, Japanese Tosa, Brazilian Filas, Dogo Argentino, Dingo, purebred wolf or fox.

A bona fide copy of the breed declaration certificate must accompany the application form when lodging an application for an import permit.

4. Dogs and cats entering Papua New Guinea must be identified by either a microchip or an ear tattoo.

5. Examination of the animal must take place within 48 hours of departure. The Papua New Guinea conditions advise that because of this requirement exporters should be wary of booking flights early on a Monday.

6. Vaccination against rabies is totally prohibited in Papua New Guinea unless a dog/cat has been given a vaccination as a pre-requisite requirement for entry into New Zealand.

Due to the uncertainty of NAQIA services during the weekend and public holidays, exporters are advised not to ship animals to arrive in Papua New Guinea during these periods.

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'.