



Dogs and Cats to Samoa (OMAR)

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TITLE

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

COMMENCEMENT

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 1 September 2025

REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- Dogs and Cats to Samoa (OMAR), dated 31 August 2016

ISSUING AUTHORITY

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

Dated at Wellington, 14 August 2025

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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 Samoa.

Background

The Animal Products Act 1999 provides the controls and mechanisms needed to give and to safeguard official assurances (zoosanitary certificates / export certificates / health certificates / veterinary 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 certifiers, official assurance verifiers, 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 Samoa 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 relevant exporters and the Biosecurity Division, of the Samoa Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. It is based on the previous OMAR and subsequent issued import permits.

Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of dogs and cats to Samoa.

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 Samoa which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of Samoa, 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

Refer to *Appendix 1*

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 template for this OMAR is provided for in *Dogs and Cats to Samoa (Export Certificate)*. The export certificate template 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 Samoa.

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) and used but not defined in this Notice has the meaning given to it in the Act or that Notice:

- (3) *Animal Products Notice: Official Assurances Requirements for Live Animals and Germplasm*

1.3 Requirements for export

- (1) Dogs and cats exported from New Zealand to Samoa 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 permit to import the dogs and cats has been issued by the competent authority of Samoa.
 - 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: SAMOA
Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND
Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES
Import Permit Number:

I: INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ANIMALS

Species / Breed	Description	Sex	Age	Microchip
1.				

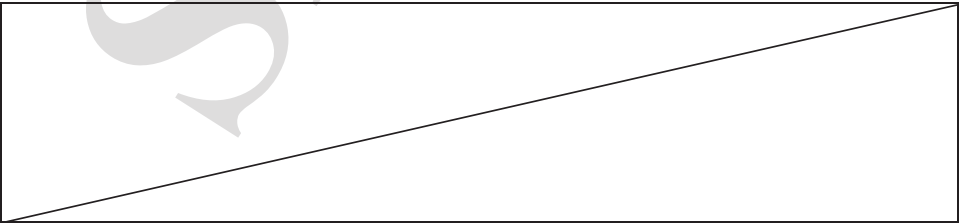
Total number of animals:

II: ORIGIN OF ANIMALS

Name, address and unique identifier of exporter:
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Premises of origin of animal(s):.....

III: DESTINATION OF ANIMALS

Name and address of consignee:
.....
Means and proposed identification of transport:



IV: SANITARY INFORMATION**VETERINARY CERTIFICATE**

I, being an Official Veterinarian authorised by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries, hereby certify, after due enquiry in regards to the animals identified in this Zoosanitary Certificate, that:

1. New Zealand is free from rabies.
2. The animal(s) has been continuously resident in New Zealand for the six (6) months immediately prior to the date of shipment, or since birth.
3. Within four (4) days of departure, I examined the animal(s), confirmed their identity by scanning their microchip, and found it to be free of visible signs of ectoparasites, free from clinical signs of infectious disease and fit to travel.
4. If travelling by air, the animal(s) will be transported in compliance with IATA Live Animal Regulations.

[*5. IN THE CASE OF DOGS

- 5.1 The dog(s) has been fully vaccinated against canine distemper, canine infectious hepatitis, canine parvovirus and leptospirosis, and the duration of immunity for these vaccines will be valid at the time of export. Puppies under six (6) months of age must receive (at least) two (2) doses at least three (3) weeks apart, with the second dose given (at least) four (4) weeks before the date of export.

	Date of last vaccination
1.	

- 5.2 Within four (4) days of transport to Samoa the dog(s) has been treated with a product(s) effective against internal parasites (including roundworms, hookworms, whipworms and tapeworms).

	Date of treatment	Name of product	Active ingredient(s)	Dose rate
1.				

- 5.3 Within four (4) days of transport to Samoa the dog(s) has been treated with a topical product effective against external parasites (including ticks, fleas and lice).

	Date of treatment	Name of product	Active ingredient(s)	Dose rate
1.				

[*6. IN THE CASE OF CATS

- 6.1 The cat(s) has been fully vaccinated against feline enteritis, and the duration of immunity for the vaccine will be valid at the time of export.

	Date of last vaccination
1.	

- 6.2 Within four (4) days of transport the cat(s) has been treated with a product(s) effective against internal parasites (including roundworms, hookworms and tapeworms).

	Date of treatment	Name of product	Active ingredient(s)	Dose rate
1.				

- 6.3 Within four (4) days of transport the cat(s) has been treated with a product effective against fleas, ticks and lice.

	Date of treatment	Name of product	Active ingredient(s)	Dose rate
1.				

[*] Delete if not applicable.

Certificate No:



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Signature Official Veterinarian
Ministry for Primary Industries

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Official stamp and date

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Name and address

Appendix 1 – Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
01 September 2025	All sections	• Addition of an identifying number to reference the detailed animal. This allows the certificate to be used for multiple animals originating from the same owner in the same consignment. • Addition of the required residency period of the animal into the zoosanitary certificate rather than as a separate declaration. • Addition an extra statement to encompasses travel of the animals from New Zealand to Samoa to ensure animal welfare standards are met. • Expansion of the vaccination clauses to ensure clarity of the requirement. • Combining the internal and external parasite treatments into one table and standardising the time frames of administration. • Provision of instructions for the deletion of statements that do not apply. • New OMAR format