



Animal Products Notice

Dogs and Cats to Sarawak (OMAR)

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TITLE

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

COMMENCEMENT

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 31 March 2025

REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- OMAR B DOMANIEC.SAR 22.12.11 – CATS & DOGS to SARAWAK (MALAYSIA)

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 Sarawak.

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 Sarawak 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 Sarawak Department of Veterinary Services. It is based on the *REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF DOGS AND CATS INTO SARAWAK, MALAYSIA* (Effective 3 April 2023).

Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of dogs and cats to Sarawak.

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 Sarawak which New Zealand, in consultation with the state government of Sarawak, 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 Sarawak (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 the State of Sarawak in Malaysia.

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 Requirements for Live Animals and Germplasm*

1.3 Requirements for export

- (1) Dogs and cats exported from New Zealand to Sarawak 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 Sarawak.
 - b) The animal must not be detectably pregnant.
 - c) The vaccination record must bear the name of the administering veterinarian and the name and address of the veterinary practice.
 - d) 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: SARAWAK (MALAYSIA)
Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND
Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES
Import Permit Number:

I. IDENTIFICATION OF THE ANIMAL(S)

Species	Breed	Sex	Age	Description (colour / distinguishing features)	Microchip Number

II. ORIGIN OF THE ANIMAL(S)

Name and address of exporter:
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Place of origin of the animal:
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III. DESTINATION OF ANIMAL(S)

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

IV. SANITARY INFORMATION**VETERINARY CERTIFICATE**

I, an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI), certify, after due enquiry with respect to the animal(s) identified in the Zoosanitary Certificate, that:

Residency

- 1.1 New Zealand is officially free from rabies and no case of rabies has been reported in New Zealand during the six (6) months prior to export.
- 1.2 The animal has not been imported into New Zealand during the six (6) months prior to export.
- 1.3 The animal has been continuously resident in New Zealand for at least six (6) months or since birth.

Identification and Health

- 2.1 The animal has been micro-chipped.
- 2.2 The animal is at least three (3) months of age prior to export.
- 2.3 The animal was examined within seven (7) days prior to export and was found to be healthy and free from any clinical signs of rabies and infectious or contagious diseases of cats or dogs at the time of examination and certification.

Rabies Vaccination

- 3.1 The animal has been vaccinated against rabies with a killed anti rabies vaccine, and the duration of immunity for the rabies vaccine will be current at the time of export.

Microchip number	Vaccine Name	Manufacturer	Batch Number	Date of Vaccination (dd mmm yyyy)	Date Next Vaccination Is Due (dd mmm yyyy)

***[In the case of dogs]**

- 4.1 The dog has been vaccinated within twelve (12) months prior to export against canine adenovirus type 2, canine distemper, canine parainfluenza and canine parvovirus and the duration of immunity for the vaccine will be current at the time of export.]

***[In the case of cats]**

- 4.2 The cat has been vaccinated within twelve (12) months prior to export against Chlamydia psittaci, feline calicivirus, feline panleukopenia and feline rhinotracheitis, and the duration of immunity for the vaccine will be current at the time of export.]

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Signature of Official Veterinarian
Ministry for Primary Industries

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Official Stamp and Date

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Name and Address

*Delete statements which are not applicable

Appendix 1 – Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
31 March 2025	All sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Addition of rabies vaccination to be certified.• New OMAR format