

Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999 – MAF Biosecurity New Zealand

Ref: AE-SG 01O

Date: 28 November 2007

OMAR B LABANIEC.SIN 28.11.07 – LABORATORY ANIMALS TO SINGAPORE

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999, I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled laboratory animals to Singapore.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington on this 10th day of December 2007.

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

2. Singaporean Requirements

Laboratory animals exported from New Zealand to Singapore must comply with the import requirements of Singapore listed in this notice as follows:

2.1 An import permit is required for laboratory animals to Singapore.

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

2.2.1 New Zealand is free from tularaemia (*Francisella tularensis*), rabies, *lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus*, Hantavirus infection (Korean haemorrhagic fever), and myxomatosis.

2.2.2 The animals to be exported were born and bred in a breeding facility approved by the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA).

2.2.3 The AVA-approved breeding facility has had no case of leptospirosis, viral haemorrhagic disease of lagomorphs, or any disease notifiable in New Zealand, during the 12 months prior to export.

2.2.4 No case of monkey pox has occurred in the facility during the six months prior to export.

2.2.5 The animals have not been inoculated with any micro-organisms nor been in contact with animals that have been inoculated with any micro-organisms.

2.2.6 The animals have been examined within 48 hours of the scheduled date of export and found to be healthy and free from any clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease.

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 laboratory animals to Singapore dated 28 November 2007 based on the Singapore Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of 'Veterinary Conditions for the Importation of Laboratory Animals (1.2) – Rabbits, Guinea-pigs, Hamsters, Mice, Rats, and Gerbils (1/1)'.

Additional Information on OMAR Notification: LABANIEC.SIN 13.11.07

1. An import permit is required and must be applied for at least 30 days prior to the arrival of the animals. An online application can be submitted through AVA's website:

http://www.ava.gov.sg/Services/LicensesPermitsAndCerts/Permit_Import_Export_Transship_Animals_Birds_Eggs_Biologics.htm

The application must be submitted together with a signed declaration by the importer stating that:

- (i) the animals will not be released following use at the laboratory facility and will be disposed of from the facility;
- (ii) any suspected outbreak of disease will be reported to the AVA immediately and the laboratory facility has a plan to contain an animal disease outbreak.

2. The export certificate must be dated within 7 days prior to the date of export.

3. The animals must be derived from approved breeding facilities; facilities which have exported to Singapore in the past 2 years are considered approved. Otherwise approval of the facility must be sought before applying for an import permit by supplying detail technical information of the breeding facility e.g. name, address, and location of facility, type and population of animals in the facility, sanitation and hygiene, management practice, vaccination regime, diseases reported in the past year.

4. The importer or agent must contact the AVA Quarantine Office as stated in the Import Permit at least 5 working days prior to the arrival of the animals.

5. Animals must be transported in crates or boxes conforming with IATA guidelines.

6. On arrival at the port of disembarkation in Singapore, the animals and documents (Import Permit, Veterinary Health Certificate) shall be presented to and examined by an authorised Veterinary Officer. If the consignment of animals is found to be healthy and documents are in order, the animals shall be released to the importer. If the animals are not healthy or if any document is not in order, the animals shall be quarantined at CAPQ for 2 weeks or

longer/returned or destroyed at the discretion of the Director-General of AVA.
In addition the importer is subject to prosecution.

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'.