

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

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## OMAR B DOMANIEC.SAF 21.05.06 – DOGS AND CATS TO THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (in-transit)

### 1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999, I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled dogs and cats to the Republic of South Africa (in-transit).

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 2006.

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

### 2. The Republic of South Africa Requirements

Dogs and cats exported from New Zealand to the Republic of South Africa (in-transit) must comply with the import requirements of the Republic of South Africa listed in this notice as follows:

2.1 An in-transit permit is required for the exportation of dogs and cats to the Republic of South Africa.

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

2.2.1 New Zealand is free of rabies, *Trypanosoma evansi* (surra), *Babesia gibsoni*, *Leishmania donovani*, *Leishmania chagasi*, *Brucella canis* and endemic infection with *Dirofilaria immitis* (heartworm)

2.2.2 The animals have either been continuously resident in New Zealand since birth or have been continuously resident in New Zealand or South Africa for the last six months.

2.2.3 The animals originated from an area that is not under official veterinary restrictions for any

disease to which dogs and cats are susceptible.

2.2.4 The animals were examined clinically by an official veterinarian within 10 days of export and were found to be free of internal and external parasites, contagious and infectious diseases to which the species is susceptible and fit to travel.

2.2.5 The animals are to be shipped in containers which conform to IATA regulations, which are either new or suitably disinfected and fumigated before loading and are of such a nature that direct contact with other animals of a lesser health status, en route, will be prevented.

### **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***

*These overseas market access requirements are based on a letter supplied by an exporter in June 2005 from The Republic of South Africa Customs, Facilitation Office.*

**Additional Information on OMAR Notification: DOMANIEC.SAF2  
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- 1 This in-transit OMAR is specifically for those dogs and cats in-transit in South Africa to another country. Please refer to the OMAR for dogs and cats to the Republic of South Africa for those animals not in-transit.
- 2 Rabies vaccination is not required for animals coming from NZ, Australia or UK.
- 3 The animal must be identifiable by microchip prior to export to South Africa.
- 4 The importer accepts the sole responsibility to ensure that the animal exported complies with the attached conditions and understands his/her duties in this regard.
- 5 The animal must be accompanied by:
  - 5.1 The original veterinary in-transit permit.
  - 5.2 This export certificate must be signed within 10 days of departure, by an official veterinarian authorised by the New Zealand Government.
- 6 The arrival of the animals must be reported to the Quarantine Master at the port of entry. The information pertaining to this will be supplied on the import permit (the animal will not be permitted to land without the Masters written permission).
- 7 The animal will not require quarantine providing all the necessary conditions of the import health certificate are met.

**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'.**