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## **OVERSEAS MARKET ACCESS REQUIREMENTS NOTIFICATION**

### **ANIMAL PRODUCTS ACT 1999**

#### **BIOSECURITY AUTHORITY**

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**OMAR B CAPSEMEC.SRI 24.01.03 - CAPRINE SEMEN to SRI LANKA**

#### **1. Statutory authority**

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999, I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled caprine semen to Sri Lanka.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2003.

Signed by Carolyn Hini  
National Manager International Animal Trade  
MAF Biosecurity Authority  
(pursuant to delegated authority)

#### **2. Sri Lanka Requirements**

Caprine semen exported from New Zealand to Sri Lanka must comply with the import requirements of Sri Lanka listed in this notice as follows:

2.1 An import permit is required for the exportation of caprine semen to Sri Lanka.

2.2 An official veterinarian of New Zealand must certify the following:

2.2.1 New Zealand is free from bluetongue, brucellosis (*B. abortus* and *B. melitensis*), foot-and-mouth disease, maedi-visna, peste des petits ruminants, rinderpest, scrapie, and sheep and goat pox.

Vaccination against these diseases is not allowed in New Zealand.

- 2.2.2 The semen was collected at a centre that is approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and is under the direct supervision and sanitary control of a centre veterinarian who is approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.
- 2.2.3 The semen collection centre has facilities suitable for collecting, processing and storing semen in accordance with Appendix 3.2.2 of the OIE *International Animal Health Code, mammals, birds and bees* and is routinely inspected by a veterinary officer approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.
- 2.2.4 The donor animals were kept isolated from animals not of the same health status for at least 30 days and during that period did not come in contact with any animals showing signs of contagious or infectious diseases.
- 2.2.5 The animals held in isolation were all identified.
- 2.2.6 The donor animals originated from flocks that were not subjected to any movement restrictions on health grounds. No diagnoses of the following diseases have been made in the flock of origin for the specified time periods:
- 2.2.6.1 caprine arthritis encephalitis (CAE) for at least 3 years
- 2.2.6.2 paratuberculosis for at least 2 years
- 2.2.6.3 bovine tuberculosis for at least 5 years.
- 2.2.7 During the isolation period the donor animals were subjected to a test with negative results for caprine arthritis-encephalitis using either an ELISA or AGID test.
- 2.2.8 During the collection period the donor animals and all in-contact animals remained healthy.
- 2.2.9 Laboratory tests were carried out in laboratories approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry to undertake testing for export purposes.
- 2.2.10 The donor animals did not show any clinical signs of any contagious or infectious disease listed in clause 1.1, bovine tuberculosis, leptospirosis, caprine arthritis-encephalitis and paratuberculosis on the day of semen collection.
- 2.2.11 Semen was collected, processed, packaged and stored in a manner consistent with the recommendations of the OIE *International Animal Health Code, mammals, birds and bees*.
- 2.2.12 The semen for exported to Sri Lanka was stored in a new or disinfected container.

2.2.13 The semen container was sealed at the time of shipment by an official veterinarian approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. Number of seal on the tank.

### **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 on conditions provided by Dr SS Balachandran, Director General, Department of Animal Production and Health, PO Box 13, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, 6 January 2003.*

### **Additional Information on OMAR Notification: CAPSEMEC.SRI 24.01.03**

1. An import permit is required.
2. The official veterinarian must verify that all clauses are complied with and must retain documentary evidence of verification.