OVERSEAS MARKET ACCESS REQUIREMENTS NOTIFICATION – ANIMAL PRODUCTS ACT 1999 – MAF BIOSECURITY NEW ZEALAND

Ref: AE - SY - 09L Date: 26.01.11

OMAR B DOMANIEC.SYR - DOGS and CATS to SYRIA

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

(i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled dogs and cats to Syria.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 28th day of January 2011.

Signed: Matthew Stone BVSc MACVSc MVS (Epidemiology) Group Manager Animal Imports and Exports Group Border Standards Directorate MAF Biosecurity New Zealand (pursuant to delegated authority)

2. Syrian requirements

Dogs and cats exported from New Zealand to Syria must comply with the import requirements of Syria listed in this notice as follows:

2.1 An Official Veterinarian of New Zealand must certify the following:

2.1.1 New Zealand is officially free from rabies.

2.1.2 The animal(s) has been implanted with a microchip. The microchip was implanted prior to or at the same time as the rabies vaccination.

2.1.3 The animal(s) has been vaccinated against rabies (manufacturer, name of vaccine, vaccination date, and validity).

2.1.4 A serological test was carried out and the result states the date the sample was taken and that the rabies neutralising antibody titre was equal to or greater than 0.5 IU/ml.

2.1.5 Within 10 days of departure, the animal for export was inspected and showed no signs of infectious or contagious disease and was fit to travel.

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 dogs and cats to Syria dated 26 January 2011.

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- 1. No import permit is required.
- 2. This certificate must be accompanied by supporting documentation, or a certified copy of it, including vaccination details and the result of the serological test. This documentation must bear identification details of the animal concerned.

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.