

OMARs with an uncertain status

These OMARs have not been used for a significant period of time. Therefore the requirements may have changed without the Ministry for Primary Industries knowledge.

If an exporter can provide the current import conditions, and the requirements still match, the certificate and the OMARs will be moved back into the published list of export certificates and OMAR's.

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

Ref: AE-TO 24L

Date: 26 February 2009

OMAR B GOAANIEC.TON 26.02.09 – GOATS TO THE KINGDOM OF TONGA

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

(i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled goats to the Kingdom of Tonga.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 10th day of March 2009

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(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. The Kingdom of Tongan Requirements

Goats to the Kingdom of Tonga must comply with the import requirements of the Kingdom of Tonga listed in this notice as follows:

2.1 An import permit is required for the exportation of goats from New Zealand to the Kingdom of Tonga.

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

2.2.1 The animals were kept since birth or for the last six months prior to the scheduled date of export in New Zealand which is free of rabies, where rabies is a notifiable disease, and where no case of rabies was officially reported during the past two years.

2.2.2 The animals were kept since birth or for the last two months prior to the scheduled date of export in New Zealand, which is free of *Boophilus microplus* ('cattle tick') infection.

2.2.3 The animals were kept since birth or for the last forty days prior to the scheduled date of export in New Zealand, which is free of African horse sickness (AHS), where AHS is a notifiable disease, and where no case of AHS has been confirmed and no vaccination against AHS has been practiced during the past two years.

2.2.4 The animals were kept since birth or for at least the last thirty days prior to the scheduled date of export in New Zealand, which is free of vesicular stomatitis (VS), where VS is a notifiable disease, and where no clinical, epidemiological or other evidence of VS has been found during the past two years.

2.2.5 The animals originated from an establishment where during the last three months prior to the scheduled date of export no confirmed case of leptospirosis, caprine arthritis-encephalitis or mange has been officially reported.

2.2.6 For at least 21 days prior to the scheduled date of export, the animals were held in isolation, during which time they were kept isolated from any goat not of the same health status. While in isolation, they were subjected to regular veterinary observation and at no time did either the animals intended for export to The Kingdom of Tonga or any other in-contact animals show any sign of infectious or contagious disease.

2.2.7 Within 48 hours of the scheduled time of export, the animals were treated for internal and external parasites, using a macrocyclic lactone (ivermectin/milbemycin) compound.

2.2.8 Within 24 hours of the scheduled time of export, the animals were examined in daylight and found to be in good health, showed no clinical signs of any disease, including skin diseases, mange and external parasites, and were fit to travel.

2.2.9 The goats were loaded into cleaned and disinfected pens, or into containers that were new or cleaned and disinfected.

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 new export certificate for goats to the Kingdom of Tonga dated 26 February 2009.

Additional information on OMAR notification – GOAANIEC.TON 26.02.09

1. This is a new certificate, which is based on the conditions specified in an Import Permit for goats, issued by the Director of Agriculture and Food of the Government of The Kingdom of Tonga and dated 18 February 2009. It was approved by Mr Otenili Pifeleti, Head of Livestock Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Nuku'alofa, The Kingdom of Tonga, in an e-mail dated 3 March 2009.
2. The time and date of embarkation, the estimated time and date of arrival in Tonga and the airline/flight number or ship/voyage number shall be advised to the Director of Agriculture and Food at the earliest possible time and no later than one working day before embarkation of the animals for Tonga.
3. Unless special provision has been made in the Import Permit otherwise, all animals shall be transported directly without trans-shipment, off-loading or contact with animals not the subject of the same Import Permit or animals not of equivalent certified health status from the port of departure to the port of arrival in Tonga.
4. The death, loss or sickness of any animals during the voyage shall be notified to an Inspector immediately on arrival in Tonga by the person in charge of the aircraft or vessel.
5. All foodstuffs, litter, manure, straw or bedding, crates, containers or any other related articles shall be off-loaded only on the instructions of an Inspector, who may order their cleaning, disinfection, destruction, incineration or other means of disposal.

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'.