

**SUPPORTING DECLARATION FORM  
FOR MPI EXPORT CERTIFICATION AND AWEC**  
(for pets from New Zealand)

**Ministry for Primary Industries**  
Manatū Ahu Matua



**Owner's Declaration**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ being the owner do solemnly and sincerely declare, in relation to the animal destined for export as identified below, that:

The animal is a: Dog ☐ Cat ☐ Other ☐ Sex: M ☐ F ☐ Neutered: Yes ☐ No ☐ Pregnant: Yes ☐ (# weeks \_\_\_\_ ) No: ☐

Name of the animal: \_\_\_\_\_ Colour: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Species (other than cat/dog)/Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Microchip number:

Microchip insertion date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

- The animal: ☐ has been continuously resident in New Zealand since birth.  
☐ has been continuously resident in New Zealand since being imported from: \_\_\_\_\_ (country) on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_
- The animal: ☐ is healthy, has no known medical conditions, and is not being administered any medications.  
☐ has a known medical condition and additional health/treatment information is attached. (see #6)
- I am aware that the animal will be confined in a cage on-board the aircraft for a significant period of time, without food, medication or attendance and I have undertaken any necessary pre-export preparations to ensure that the animal is comfortable during the flight.
- I am aware of the increased risks of death when flying snub-nosed breeds. (if applicable).
- The information that I have provided is true, correct and complete in every particular and I am aware that this declaration is made for the purposes of supporting export certification under the Animal Products Act 1999 and that it is an offence under section 127 to make a false declaration. (See #10)
- My New Zealand address is: \_\_\_\_\_
- The residential address in the destination country is: \_\_\_\_\_
- Scheduled date of export: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_
- Total estimated journey length (see #11): \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Owner:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Veterinary Declaration**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being a New Zealand registered veterinarian certify, after due enquiry with respect to the animal described above, that:

- The above owner's declaration has been completed fully and I have no reason to doubt the owner's declaration.
- I have checked the animal's vaccination card/record and it has been completed correctly: Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Required ☐ (see #4)
- I have checked the importing country's requirements: Yes ☐ No ☐ (See #9)
- The animal has been treated for external parasites: Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Required ☐ (treatment information is attached, see #5)
- The animal has been treated for internal parasites: Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Required ☐ (treatment information is attached, see #5)
- I have scanned and confirmed the microchip. (a microchip is required for all cat/dog exports to all countries that requires an export certificate/official assurance from NZ)
- I have examined the animal for export and have found it to be free from visible signs of ectoparasites, free from clinical signs of infectious and contagious disease, and is fit to travel by air in an enclosed space without food or medication throughout the entire journey. (see #6 and 11)
- Additional health/treatment information is attached: Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Required ☐ (see #6)
- The information that I have provided is true, correct and complete in every particular and I am aware that this declaration is made for the purposes of supporting export certification under the Animal Products Act and the Animal Welfare Act. I am aware that it is an offence under section 127 of the Animal Products Act to make a false declaration. (See #10)

**Signature of Veterinarian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_


Practice name and address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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## # Supporting Declaration Guidance Page

1. This Supporting Declaration is **not an export certificate**. It is used for the purposes of supporting the issuing of an Official Assurance (export certificate) and an Animal Welfare Export Certificate (AWEC) by a Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) Official Veterinarian. This Supporting Declaration will be kept on file at MPI office. It will not be sent with the animal overseas.
2. **Any New Zealand registered veterinarian may complete this form.** The veterinarian should only sign this form once the whole declaration, including the owner declaration, has been completed and he/she has examined the animal. It is acceptable for an owner to email a scan of a signed declaration to a registered veterinarian to complete, it does not need to be an original.
3. The examination of the animal for clinical signs of infectious and contagious diseases, ectoparasites and fitness to travel should ideally take place as close to the scheduled date of export as possible, but up to 30 days prior to the scheduled export date will be accepted. Contacting the animal's regular veterinarian may be required to obtain all relevant information. Additional veterinary examinations closer to the time of export may be required if issues are identified by the MPI veterinarian.
4. The animal's vaccination card/record should be checked (where available) to ensure it is correctly completed including owners details, animals details (name, breed, date of birth, colour, sex, microchip number), and vaccinations as appropriate. NZ legislation requires microchips to be inserted and verified prior to any testing, treatments or inspections taking place that are required by overseas countries. If an overseas country explicitly requires a microchip to be verified at a specific time e.g. Rabies vaccination, then proof of this is required e.g. add "microchip XXX XXX XXX XXX was scanned and verified prior to vaccination" beside the vaccination record in the vaccination book, see example below:

ANNUAL PET HEALTH CHECKUP														
	EYES/EARS	TEETH/GUMS	PAWS/CLAWS	HEART/LUNGS	SKIN/COAT	NUTRITION	MOBILITY/JOINTS/MUSCLES	NORMAL TEMPERATURE	WORMING	TOILET HABITS	BEHAVIOUR	WEIGHT	COMMENTS	SIGNATURE
DATE DUE														
DATE GIVEN	MSD Nobivac Rabies A062A02												microchip 900 088 123 456 789 was scanned and verified prior to vaccination.	 BVSc. (Vets name)

5. Parasite treatment is not required by all importing countries (see # 10). If required, parasite treatment must be effective against internal parasites (broad spectrum including roundworms and tapeworms) and external parasites (including fleas and ticks) using drugs registered for that purpose in New Zealand. Treatments records must include full details of the animal (name, breed, date of birth or age, colour, sex, microchip number) AND full details of products used (product name, active ingredients, dose rate, time of administration). This may be in the form of a signed letter on practice letterhead, a signed printed clinical record, or a signed handwritten entry in the vaccination card/record.
6. Additional health information should be either a copy of clinical records or a letter on practice letterhead detailing any health conditions (including current medications/laboratory reports) of the animal that could affect its clearance in the destination country OR that may affect the animal's welfare on a flight. This should include a statement as to whether or not in your opinion the animal is fit to fly.
7. In regards to rabies vaccinations administered in New Zealand, the current vaccine available is MSD Nobivac Rabies which is registered for one primary vaccination for animals over 12 weeks of age and then at 3 year intervals. These validities may differ to that published on international manufacturer websites.
8. Documentation must be in order and all import requirements must be met. Any animal arriving in the destination country having not met their requirements may be ordered into quarantine; re-shipped back to New Zealand at the importer's expense or destroyed.
9. Information on specific country requirements (Overseas Market Access Requirements - OMAR) can be found on the MPI website [here](#).
10. Animal Products Act 1999: Section 127 Offences involving deception:
  - (1) A person commits an offence who, with intent to deceive and for the purpose of obtaining any material benefit or avoiding any material detriment, – (e) falsifies, alters, or misapplies any certificate or declaration or other statutory form attached or relating to any animal material or animal product that is required or authorised to be used under this Act, or any official assurance, or tampers with any animal material or animal product that is subject to such a certificate, declaration, form, or assurance;
11. Total journey length is measured from the time the animal departs from New Zealand until arrival in the destination country. If the species being exported requires food to be provided during the journey (e.g. a mouse), please strike through 'without food or' in clause 7 of the veterinary declaration.

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