

IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION OF CANINE SEMEN INTO NEW ZEALAND FROM AUSTRALIA

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USER GUIDE

The information in MAF animal and animal product Import Health Standards is presented in numerically ordered sections with descriptive titles. Sections are grouped into one of four parts, designated alphabetically.

Part A. GENERAL INFORMATION contains sections of general interest, including those relating to the legal basis for MAF Import Health Standards and the general responsibilities of every importer of animals and animal products.

Part B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE contains sections that outline the requirements to be met prior to and during importation. Whether a permit to import is required to be obtained prior to importation is noted, as are conditions of eligibility, transport and general conditions relating to documentation accompanying the consignment.

Part C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE contains sections describing the requirements to be met at the New Zealand border and, if necessary, in a transitional facility in New Zealand prior to any consignment being given biosecurity clearance.

Part D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION contains model health certification which must be completed by the appropriate personnel as indicated in the certification and accompany the consignment to New Zealand.

PART A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1 IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD

- 1.1 Pursuant to section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, this is the Import Health Standard for the importation of canine semen into New Zealand from Australia.
- 1.2 Obtaining biosecurity clearance for each consignment of canine semen from Australia is dependent on the consignment meeting the requirements of this Import Health Standard.
- 1.3 This import health standard may be reviewed, amended or revoked if there are changes in New Zealand's import policy or the animal health status of the originating country, or for any other lawful reason, at the discretion of the Biosecurity Standards Group Manager.

2 IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 The costs of MAF in performing functions relating to the importation of canine semen shall be recovered in accordance with the Biosecurity Act and any regulations made under that Act.
- 2.2 All costs involved with documentation, transport, storage and obtaining a Biosecurity direction and clearance shall be borne by the importer or importer's agent.
- 2.3 The importer must make all arrangements for transport of the canine semen to and within New Zealand.

3 EQUIVALENCE

The import health standard has been agreed as being suitable for trade between the exporting and the importing countries. It is expected that the canine semen will meet the conditions in every respect.

Occasionally it is found that, due to circumstances beyond the control of the importer or exporter, a consignment does not comply completely with this import health standard. In such cases, an application for equivalence may be considered and may be issued at the discretion of the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, but only if the following information is forwarded by the certifying government's veterinary authority:

- 3.1 which clause/s of the import health standard cannot be met and how this has occurred;
- 3.2 the reason the consignment is considered to be of an "equivalent health" status and/or what proposal is made to return the consignment to an equivalent health status as set out in this standard; and
- 3.3 the reasons why the veterinary authority of the country of origin believe this proposal should be acceptable to the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and their recommendation for its acceptance

4 DEFINITION OF TERMS

Biosecurity direction

Direction or authorisation given by an Inspector for uncleared goods to proceed to a transitional or a containment facility.

Biosecurity clearance

As defined by the Biosecurity Act 1993.

Biosecurity Standards Group Manager

The Biosecurity Standards Group Manager, Biosecurity New Zealand, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, or any person who for the time being may lawfully exercise and perform the power and functions of the Biosecurity Standards Group Manager

Equivalence

Acceptance by the Biosecurity Standards Group Manager that the circumstances relating to the importation of a consignment are such that the health status of the consignment is equivalent to the health status of a consignment that complies with the requirements of the import health standard.

Inspector

As defined by the Biosecurity Act 1993.

MAF

New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Official Veterinarian

An Official Veterinarian is a veterinarian authorised by the Veterinary Administration of the country to perform animal health and/or public health inspections of commodities and, when appropriate, perform certification in conformity with the provisions of the chapter of the OIE *Code* pertaining to principles of certification.

OIE Code

The Office International des Epizooties *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*.

PART B: IMPORTATION PROCEDURE

5 DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

- 5.1 The consignment must be accompanied by all appropriately completed health certification which meets the requirements of PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION. The required documentation is:
 - 5.1.1 Zoosanitary Certificate
 - 5.1.2 Laboratory test results;
 - 5.1.3 Owners Declaration
- 5.2 In the case of semen collected in countries other than Australia and imported into Australia, a copy of the official certification under which the semen was imported into Australia must be made and endorsed by an AQIS Veterinary Officer as

being a true and accurate copy of such certification. (an official stamp, with signature and date on each page of copied certification)

Note: The consignment must meet the requirements of the IHS for semen from the country of origin into New Zealand. Semen from countries of origin for which there is no IHS into New Zealand is not eligible for import via Australia.

- 5.3 It is the importer's responsibility to ensure that any documentation presented in accordance with the requirements of this import health standard is original (unless otherwise specified) and clearly legible. Failure to do so may result in delays in obtaining biosecurity clearance or rejection of consignments.

6 ELIGIBILITY FOR IMPORTATION

- 6.1 Semen must be collected from the donor animal by, or under the supervision of a registered veterinarian.

- 6.2 Semen from dogs of the following breeds (including crosses of these breeds) is not eligible for importation:

- American pit bull terrier;
- Dogo argentino;
- Japanese tosa; and
- Brazilian fila.

- 6.3 All requirements of this import health standard, including those detailed in the Model Zoosanitary Certificate must be met for the commodity to be eligible for importation.

- 6.4 The ampoules, vials or straws containing the semen must be:

6.4.1 sealed following collection

6.4.2 identified with the details of the donor dog and date of collection

6.4.3 securely packed in a new container or one which has been cleaned and sterilised before use, which may include coolant (if appropriate) which has not been used for any other purpose

6.4.5 stored under veterinary supervision until the time of export.

- 6.5 For semen collected in Australia

6.5.1 The donor dog must have been resident in Australia and not subject to any quarantine restrictions.

- 6.5.2 A veterinarian must examine the donor dog on the day of collection and find no clinical evidence of any infectious or contagious disease prior to supervising the collection of semen from the donor dog.

7 IDENTIFICATION

- 7.1 All ampoules, vials or straws and containers must be permanently marked with identification of the donor animal and the date of collection.
- 7.2 If a code is used for identification of ampoules, vials or straws, it must accompany each consignment.

8 HEALTH CERTIFICATION

- 8.1 The semen consignment must be accompanied by a certificate signed by an AQIS veterinary officer or an Australian registered veterinarian according to the requirements of the Veterinary Certificate

PART C: CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

9 BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

- 9.1 Upon arrival in New Zealand, the documentation accompanying the semen shall be inspected by an Inspector at the port of arrival. The Inspector may also inspect the consignment, or a sample of the consignment.
- 9.2 Providing that the seals are intact and documentation meets all requirements noted under PART D: ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION and the consignment meets the conditions of ELIGIBILITY, an Inspector under section 25 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, may issue a biosecurity clearance.
- 9.3 The person in charge of the semen must keep full records of semen distribution and make this available to an inspector of MAF when required.

PART D: ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

10 MODEL ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

The following Model Zoosanitary Certificate contains the information required by MAF to accompany imports of canine semen into New Zealand from Australia:

MODEL ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Commodity: CANINE SEMEN

To: NEW ZEALAND

Exporting Country: AUSTRALIA

I: INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DONOR ANIMAL

Name: (If registered with a Kennel Club or Canine Control use registered name)

Breed: Age:

Identification:

II: INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SEMEN

Date of collection:

Number of doses:

Identification* of ampoules/vials/straws:

*markings must be indelible

Method and degree of dilution:

Preservatives and antibiotics used:

III: ORIGIN OF THE SEMEN

Name and address of owner of the donor dog:

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Name and address of premises at which the semen was collected:

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IV: DESTINATION OF THE SEMEN

Name and address of consignee:

V: SANITARY INFORMATION

Owner/Exporter's Statutory Declaration:

I, solemnly and sincerely declare, in respect of the canine semen for export to New Zealand from the donor dog identified below, that:

Name of animal:

Breed:

Age: Sex:

Colour/description/identification:

Identification of ampoules/vials/straws:

To the best of my knowledge and belief this donor dog is not one of the following breeds or types: American pit bull terrier, Japanese tosa, Brazilian fila, Dogo argentino or a cross of one or more of these breeds.

Signature of owner or exporter:

Declared at, this day of 20

before me

(signature and printed name of person authorised to take a statutory declaration)

Registered Veterinarian Declaration:

I, being the registered veterinarian who supervised the collection or collected the semen for export, certify, in respect of the animal described above, that: After due enquiry and/or physical examination of the donor dog, I have no reason to doubt the owner/exporter's statutory declaration.

Signature of Registered:.....

Veterinarian:

Date:

Name of veterinarian and address:

VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

I, , being an AQIS Veterinary Officer/Australian registered veterinarian (delete one) certify after due enquiry with respect to the canine semen for export to New Zealand identified in Part I of this certificate that:

1 EITHER

- 1.1 The semen has been collected in Australia and the donor dog has been resident in Australia and not subject to any quarantine restrictions.
- 1.2 The donor dog was examined by a registered veterinarian on the day of collection and no clinical evidence of infectious or contagious disease was found.
- 1.3 The semen was collected by or under the supervision of a registered Veterinarian.
- 1.4 The ampoules, vials or straws containing the semen were sealed following collection, identified with the details of the donor dog, securely packed in a new container or one which has been cleaned and sterilised before use, using coolant (if appropriate) which has not been used for any other purpose, and stored under veterinary supervision until the time of export.

2 OR

- 2.1 The semen has been imported into Australia and meets the requirements of the IHS for semen from the country of origin into New Zealand. A copy of the official certification which accompanied the semen imported into Australia has been made and endorsed as a true and accurate copy by an AQIS veterinary officer (an official stamp, with signature and date on each page of copied certification shall suffice).
- 2.2 This copy of the certificate accompanies the consignment.

(Delete which is not applicable)

i) Australian registered veterinarian or Date of Signature

ii) AQIS Veterinary Officer

(Delete whichever of i) or ii) is not applicable*)

Name of veterinarian and address of office

* In the case of i) being applicable:

Ibeing an AQIS Veterinary Officer
certify that is an Australian registered veterinarian.

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AQIS Veterinary Officer Official stamp and date

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Name of veterinarian and address of office

Note: Official stamp must be applied to all pages

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