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## **OVERSEAS MARKET ACCESS REQUIREMENTS NOTIFICATION**

### **ANIMAL PRODUCTS ACT 1999**

#### **BIOSECURITY AUTHORITY**

**OMAR B DOMANIEC.SIN - DOGS AND CATS to SINGAPORE**

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

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999, I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled Dogs and Cats to Singapore.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2004.

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

#### **2. Singapore Requirements**

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

- 2.1 An import permit is required for the export of cats and dogs to Singapore.
- 2.2 All dogs and cats must be microchipped.
- 2.3 An official veterinarian of New Zealand must certify the following:
  - 2.3.1 No case of rabies has ever occurred in New Zealand and routine vaccination against the disease is prohibited.
  - 2.3.2 I am satisfied that the animals have been located in New Zealand during the six months immediately preceding the date of shipment or since birth.
  - 2.3.3 In the case of dogs only:

- 2.3.3.1 The dogs are at least 12 weeks of age at the time of export.
- 2.3.3.2 The dogs have been vaccinated against canine distemper, parvovirus and canine hepatitis at least 2 weeks prior to export \*(see Additional Information)
- 2.3.4 In the case of cats:
  - 2.3.4.1 The cats are at least 12 weeks of age at the time of export.
  - 2.3.4.2 The cats have been vaccinated against Cat Flu (Feline calicivirus and Feline viral rhinotracheitis, and *Chlamydia psittaci*) and Cat enteritis (i.e. Feline Panleukopaenia/ Feline Infectious Enteritis)at least 2 weeks prior to export\* (see Additional Information).
- 2.3.5 The dog/cat has been treated with a product effective against external parasites (fleas and ticks) between 2 and 10 days of export.
- 2.3.6 The dog/cat has been treated with a product effective against internal parasites (nematodes and cestodes) within 4 days of export.
- 2.3.7 The animals have been examined within 7 days prior to export and found to be healthy, free from clinical signs of infectious and contagious disease and fit to travel.
- 2.4 The captain of the aircraft/ship must sign a declaration stating that:
  - 2.4.1 The animals were loaded for transport in New Zealand.
  - 2.4.2 No animals from any other country were permitted aboard or carried in the vessel during the time that the animals described above were on board.
  - 2.4.3 The animals were not landed at any intermediate port outside the country of export with the exception of:
    - 2.4.3.1 In the case of an aircraft; if the animals were landed at an intermediate port, they have been conveyed in a crate and remained within the precincts of the airport at which the aircraft landed
  - AND
  - 2.4.3.2 Prior permission must be granted by the Agri-food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) should there be a change of aircraft carrying the animals.
  - 2.4.4 The animal was transported in escape proof containers conforming to the latest International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animal Regulations (if transported by air).
- 2.5 The animal shall be accompanied by the dog/cat's original vaccination certificate, which bears also the identification code of the microchip that has been implanted. The

vaccination certificate also bears the details (name of veterinarian, name and address of veterinary practice) and endorsement of licensed/registered veterinarian who implanted the microchip.

### **3. Revocations**

DOMANIEC.SIN 26.04.01 is revoked and replaced by this OMAR notification.

### **4. 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 requirements provided in the export certificate dogs and cats to Singapore, which was drafted from import conditions A-3/4 WTO: N/SPS/SGP received on the 12 July 2004.***

**Additional Information on OMAR Notification:**

**DOMANIEC.SIN**

**23.09.04**

The owner or his agent must apply for the import permit by submitting the completed import application form and the 'Application and Acceptance for Animal Quarantine Space in Jurong Animal Quarantine Station' form to the:

Import & Export Division  
5 Maxwell Road, #02-00  
Tower Block  
MND Complex  
Singapore 069110

Tel: (65) 62270670. Fax: (65) 62276305

E-mail: Bryan\_Kong@ava.gov.sg or TAN\_Yeow\_Fong@ava.gov.sg,

This must be done at least seven working days prior to the date of arrival of the animal. (Application forms can be obtained from the Import & Export Division).

The owner/agent shall contact the Quarantine Office as stated in the Import Licence at least 1 working day prior to the arrival of the animals.

The following breeds of dogs and their crosses are not allowed to be imported into Singapore - Pit Bull (which includes the American Pit Bull Terrier also known as the American Pit Bull and Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, the American Bulldog, and crosses between them and with other breeds) Neapolitan Mastiff, Tosa, Akita, Dogo Argentino, Boerboel, Fila Brasileiro and their crosses.

This certificate must not be dated more than 7 days prior to export.

All dogs and cats must be implanted with a microchip conforming to ISO standard 11784 or Annex A to ISO standard 11785. If the microchip is non-ISO compatible it is the responsibility of the importer or pet owner to provide a reader that can read the microchip. Dogs that are not microchipped may be detained by the AVA or sent back to the country of origin.

The microchip numbers of individual dogs/cats must be recorded on their vaccination records.

For both dogs and cats, the veterinarian must read the microchip at the time of export and confirm the identity of the dog/cat is that stated on the certificate and the vaccination records.

Dogs under 4 months of age must receive at least 2 vaccinations, 1 month apart, and the second vaccination must be given at least 2 weeks prior to export.

Dogs above 4 months of age must be vaccinated at least once, not less than 2 weeks and not more than 1 year prior to export.

Cats **under** 16 weeks of age, the cat was vaccinated with at least 2 vaccinations, 3 weeks apart, and the second vaccination must be given at least 2 weeks prior to export

Cat **above** 16 weeks of age and above, the cat was vaccinated at least 2 weeks and not more than 1 year prior to export.

The animals must be transhipped in escape-proof cages conforming to the latest edition of IATA Live Animals Regulations.

An official veterinarian means 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. Veterinarians authorised or accredited under the Animal Products Act 1999 can be termed 'official veterinarians'.

There is change in nomenclature and *Chlamydia psittaci* is now known as *Chlamydia felis*. So vaccinations with *C. felis* are the same as vaccinations with *C. psittaci*".