

IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR CANINE SEMEN FROM AUSTRALIA

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The information in MAFBNZ 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 BNZ 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 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 Animal Imports & Exports Group Manager

2 IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 The costs of MAFBNZ 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.
- 2.4 The person in charge of the semen must keep full records of semen distribution and make this available to an inspector of MAFBNZ when required.

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 MAFBNZ, 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 MAFBNZ and their recommendation for its acceptance

4 DEFINITION OF TERMS

Animal Imports & Exports Group Manager

Animal Imports & Exports Group Manager MAFBNZ, or any person who for the time being may lawfully exercise and perform the power and functions of the Animal Imports & Exports Group Manager.

Biosecurity clearance

A clearance under section 26 of the Biosecurity Act (1993) for the entry of goods into New Zealand. (Explanatory Note: Goods given a Biosecurity Clearance by an Inspector are released to the importer without restriction).

Inspector

Means a person who is appointed an inspector under section 103 of the Biosecurity Act (1993). (Explanatory Note: An Inspector is appointed to undertake administering and enforcing the provisions of the Biosecurity Act and controls imposed under HSNO).

MAFBNZ

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Biosecurity New Zealand.

Official Veterinarian

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 *Terrestrial Code* pertaining to principles of certification.

OIE Code

The World Organisation for Animal Health *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

5.2 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 may be fresh or frozen

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

6.3 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.

- 6.4 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.

PART C: CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

7 BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 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.

PART D: ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

8 MODEL ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

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

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 (microchip or tattoo):

II: INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SEMEN

Date of collection:

Number of straws, ampoules, vials:

Identification of ampoules/vials/straws:
(markings must be indelible)

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 (microchip or tattoo):

Identification of ampoules/vials/straws:

To the best of my knowledge 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 in the Owner/Exporter's Statutory Declaration that:

After due enquiry and/or visual 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:

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VI: VETERINARY CERTIFICATE A

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 was not subject to any quarantine restrictions at the time of collection.
- 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 All extender components were prepared and handled using principles of sterility.
- 1.5 The ampoules, vials or straws containing the semen were 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.
- 1.6 The semen was stored only with other semen that is eligible for export to New Zealand. The containers were stored under veterinary supervision until export.
- 1.7 Prior to export, the container in which the semen is to be transported was sealed by either a registered veterinarian or an Official Veterinarian.

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 ([Import Health Standard for Dog Semen from Specified Countries](#)). A copy of the official certification that 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)

Australian registered veterinarian

Date of Signature

VETERINARY CERTIFICATE B - AQIS VETERINARIAN

I, an AQIS Official Veterinarian, certify after due enquiry with respect of animal for export to New Zealand identified in the attached Zoosanitary Certificate that:

- 1 In the 12 months prior to the date of export:
 - 1.1 Australia has been free of rabies
 - 1.2 No case of *Brucella canis* infection has been reported in Australia
 - 1.3 No case of *Leptospira interrogans* var *canicola*² has been reported in dogs in Australia

- 2 The veterinarian whose signature appears on Veterinary Certificate A is a registered veterinary practitioner in Australia.

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Official Veterinarian Official stamp and date
Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service
Name and address of office:
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Note: Official stamp must be applied to all pages