

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

Ref: AE-NF-09L

Date: 3 December 2009

OMAR DOMANIEC.NFI 03.12.09 – DOGS and CATS to NORFOLK ISLAND

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

- i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements entitled dogs and cats to Norfolk Island.
- ii) Revoke OMAR DOMANIEC.NFI 28.03.08.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington on this 14th day of December 2009.

Signed Matthew Stone BVSc MACVSc MVS (Epidemiology)
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MAF Biosecurity New Zealand
(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. Norfolk Island Requirements

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

- 2.1 An import permit is required for the exportation of dogs and cats to Norfolk Island.
- 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 In the case of dogs:

2.2.1.1 The dog(s) has been fully vaccinated against canine distemper, canine parvovirus and infectious canine hepatitis virus and the date of vaccination to be recorded.

2.2.1.2 The dog(s) was treated with praziquantel at a dose rate of 5mg/kg within 48 hours of the scheduled date of export and the date of treatment to be recorded.

2.2.1.3 The dog(s) has been tested, with a negative result, for *Leptospira interrogans* serovar *canicola* and *L. interrogans* serovar *icterohaemorrhagiae* infection within 14 days prior to the scheduled date of export and date of test to be recorded.

2.2.2 In the case of cats:

2.2.2.1 The cat(s) has been fully vaccinated against feline enteritis and the date of vaccination to be recorded.

2.2.3 In the case of dogs and cats:

2.2.3.1 Each animal(s) was treated with an ectoparasiticide effective against ticks, fleas and lice within 4 days of the scheduled date of export and the date of treatment to be recorded.

2.2.3.2 Within 4 days of the scheduled date of export, the animal(s) was examined and found free from clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease and free from external parasites.

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

These overseas market access requirements are based on the export certificate for dogs and cats to Norfolk Island dated 3 December 2009.

Additional Information on OMAR Notification: DOMANIEC.NFI 03.12.09

1. This export certificate replaces the previous one dated 28 March 2008. It has been updated to remove the requirements to test for *Babesia* spp. infection, and test and treat for heartworm. This export certificate was agreed to by Neil Tavener of the Norfolk Island Administration on 3 December 2009.
2. An Import Permit must be obtained from the Chief Administrative Officer, Administration Offices, Kingston, Norfolk Island 2899. Tel: 6723 22001, Fax: 6723 23177.
3. The Import Permit must accompany the animal.
4. A microchip is required for dogs only.
5. Both *Babesia* spp. and heartworm are notifiable diseases in New Zealand. Should either *Babesia* spp. or heartworm be confirmed in New Zealand, MAFBNZ will immediately cease the export of dogs to Norfolk Island, and consult with the Chief Quarantine Officer of the Norfolk Island Administration to determine a revised export protocol.

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'.