

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

Ref: AE-NF 09L

Date: 28 March 2008

## **OMAR B DOMANIEC.NFI 28.03.08 – 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 B DOMANIEC.NFI 04.03.08.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington on this 4<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

Signed: Karen Sparrow  
Manager Exports  
Border Standards  
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 vaccinated against canine distemper, canine parvovirus and infectious canine hepatitis virus at least 30 days and not more than 12 months prior to the scheduled date of export. Date of vaccination.

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 departure. Date of treatment.

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

2.2.1.4 In the case of dogs over 6 months of age on the date of export, the dog has been tested and treated for canine heartworm.

2.2.1.4.1 Heartworm tests: within 30 days of shipment the dog(s) was negative with a microfilaria concentration test and an antigen test.

2.2.1.4.2 Heartworm treatments: within 4 days of shipment the dog(s) was treated with either:

2.2.1.4.2.1 Milbemycin at 0.5mg/kg

OR

2.2.1.4.2.2 Moxidectin at 2-4mg/kg

OR

2.2.1.4.2.3 Sustained release formulation moxidectin (Proheart SR-12) at an approved dose rate.

2.2.1.5 The dog(s) must have been tested at a MAF approved laboratory for *Babesia gibsoni* both with the IFAT and the blood smear and both be negative within 21 days of the proposed date of shipment (cut-off is 1:40 for the IFAT).

2.2.1.6 Within 4 days of the scheduled date of shipment, the dog(s) was treated with an insecticide effective against killing ticks, lice and fleas. Date of treatment, active ingredients and dosage used must be recorded on the export certificate.

2.2.2 In the case of cats:

2.2.2.1 The cat(s) has been vaccinated against feline enteritis, within 6 months of the scheduled date of departure. Date of vaccination.

2.2.2.2 The cat(s) was treated with Fipronil within 10 days and no less than 72 hours prior to the scheduled date of departure. Date of treatment.

2.2.3 In the case of dogs and cats:

2.2.3.1 The animal(s) was examined and found free from clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease and free from external parasites within 4 days of the scheduled date of departure.

### **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 28 March 2008.*

## **Additional Information on OMAR Notification: DOMANIEC.NFI 28.03.08**

1. This OMAR replaces the previous one dated 4 March 2008. Editorial changes only have been made.

This OMAR is based on the import conditions in an import permit for a dog dated 20 July 2007.

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.

**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'.**