

Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999 – Standards Branch, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

Ref: AE-AU-09L
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OMAR B DOMSEMEC.AUS 01.04.12 - CANINE and FELINE SEMEN of NEW ZEALAND ORIGIN to AUSTRALIA

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

- (i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled canine and feline semen of New Zealand origin to Australia
- (ii) Revoke OMAR B DOMSEMEC.AUS 30.08.10.

This notice takes effect from 1 April 2012.

Dated at Wellington this 23rd of February 2012.

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(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. Australia requirements

Canine and feline semen of New Zealand origin exported from New Zealand to Australia must comply with the import requirements of Australia listed in this notice as follows:

- 2.1 An Import Permit is required for the export of canine and feline semen to Australia.
- 2.2 A registered veterinarian approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry to certify cats and dogs to Australia must certify, after due enquiry, the following:

2.2.1 New Zealand is free from rabies.

2.2.2 For dogs only, canine brucellosis (*Brucella canis*) and leptospirosis (*Leptospira canicola*) have not been confirmed in New Zealand during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of collection of semen.

2.2.3 He/she is satisfied by veterinary or council registration records that the donor was resident in New Zealand and not under any quarantine restriction at the time of collection.

2.2.4 The donor was examined by an Approved Veterinarian on the day(s) of semen collection, and found to be healthy and free from evidence of venereal diseases. Date(s) of collection to be recorded on the export certificate.

2.2.5 An Approved Veterinarian collected or supervised the collection of the semen for export from the aforementioned donor.

2.2.6 At the time of collection, each semen straw was permanently marked with the donor name and breed, date of collection and name of collection centre. Number of straws and identification of straws to be recorded on the export certificate.

2.2.7 The semen was stored under the supervision of an Approved Veterinarian and stored in:

2.2.7.1 For chilled semen: a chilled transport container which was:

2.2.7.1.1 EITHER: new

2.2.7.1.2 OR: disinfected using an approved active ingredient. Date disinfected and disinfectant used to be recorded on the export certificate.

(To be deleted as appropriate)

2.2.7.2 For frozen semen:

2.2.7.2.1 EITHER: a new shipper

2.2.7.2.2 OR: prior to loading, the shipper was emptied and inspected and any loose straws removed. The shipper, including all surfaces contacting the straws was disinfected. Date disinfected and disinfectant used to be recorded on the certificate.

2.2.7.2.3 AND: only new liquid nitrogen has been added to the tank.

(To be deleted as appropriate)

2.2.8 The container or shipper was sealed with a tamper evident seal. Seal number to be recorded on the export certificate.

2.2.9 Approved Veterinarians must adhere to the requirements of the MAF 'Export Programme for Cats and Dogs to Australia'.

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

This OMAR is based on the export certificate for canine and feline semen of New Zealand origin to Australia, dated 1 April 2012.

Additional Information on OMAR Notification: DOMSEMEC.AUS 01.04.12

1. This OMAR replaces that dated 30 August 2010.
2. A valid *Permit to Import Quarantine Material into Australia* must be obtained, prior to the export of the semen, from DAFF Biosecurity (formerly AQIS - Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service). Email: animalimp@daff.gov.au, Phone: +61 262 724 454, Fax: +61 262 723 110.
3. Advance notice of the intended import must be given to DAFF Biosecurity at the port of entry at least seventy two (72) hours prior to the expected time of arrival, giving the flight number/ship number and arrival time.
4. Each consignment must be accompanied by:
 - a DAFF Biosecurity (AQIS) Import Permit; and
 - an export certificate completed by a registered veterinarian approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry to certify cats and dogs to Australia.
5. There must be separate export certificate for each donor. Where there are multiple dates of collection, each date must be entered using the format dd/mmm/yyyy.
6. Donors must have been resident in New Zealand and not under any quarantine restrictions at the time of collection.
7. A registered veterinarian approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry to certify cats and dogs to Australia must examine the donor on the date of semen collection and seal the container. The number of this seal must be recorded on the export certificate.
8. The MAF Practice Approval Number is the approval number of the Approved Veterinary Practice under which the registered veterinarian is approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry to certify cats and dogs being exported to Australia.
9. Transport containers or shippers used for the transport of semen must be either new, or disinfected using one of the products or procedures accepted by DAFF Biosecurity (2% available chlorine, 2% Virkon, or irradiation at 50kGy). For used containers/shippers, the date of disinfection, the disinfectant used and its active chemical must be recorded on the health certificate.

10. If frozen semen is shipped, only new liquid nitrogen may be added to the tank prior to loading.

11. The exporter must ship the consignment to the Australian importer care of DAFF Biosecurity in the state of import.

12. In the event of semen arriving in Australia without the correct certification, or in any other way not meeting these conditions, the semen may be detained in quarantine, re-exported at the importer's expense or destroyed without recompense.

13. It is the importer's responsibility to ensure they have complied with requirements of any other regulatory and advisory bodies prior to and after importation. It is the importer's responsibility to arrange for any additional testing for genetic and endemic infectious diseases, or for movement of animals or genetic material into certain animal health zones within Australia.

14. For general enquiries regarding this export certificate, please contactASUREQuality on 0508 00 11 22 or email exports@asurequality.com. Copies of export certificates must be sent to Export Administration, ASUREQuality Limited, Private Bag 3080, Hamilton.

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'.