

OVERSEAS MARKET ACCESS REQUIREMENTS NOTIFICATION - ANIMAL PRODUCTS ACT 1999 – MAF BIOSECURITY NEW ZEALAND

Ref: AE-AU21L

Date: 27 May 2009

OMAR B PAUANEC.AU 27.05.09 - PAUA (NZ ABALONE) to AUSTRALIA.

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

(i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements and specifications, entitled Paua (NZ Abalone) to Australia.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 11th day of June 2009.

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

2. Australian Requirements

Paua (NZ Abalone) 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 exportation of paua (NZ Abalone) to Australia.

2.2 An Official Veterinarian authorised by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry New Zealand must certify, after due enquiry the following:

2.2.1 The Paua are in secure escape proof containers and are clearly labelled “ Live animals under quarantine ”.

2.2.2 The container meets the IATA live animal regulations.

2.2.3 The consignment is addressed to AQIS at the port of arrival.

2.3 The owner/exporter must declare that:

2.3.1 The Paua (NZ Abalone) in this consignment was:

2.3.1.1 collected from the wild or bred in New Zealand from Paua collected in the wild from within New Zealand waters, and

2.3.1.2 inspected by the owner/exporter within 3 days prior to export and found to be free of visible signs of disease and 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

This OMAR is based on the new export certificate for Paua (NZ Abalone) to Australia dated 27 May 2009.

Additional Information on OMAR Notification: PAUANEC.AUS 27.05.09

1. This is new OMAR and is based on the new export certificate drafted from an AQIS Import Permit for Abalone dated 25 May 2009. It was accepted by Dr Ainslie Brown on 4th May 2009 of AQIS.
2. All consignments must have a valid Import Permit.
3. The Importer must lodge a Quarantine Entry with AQIS for each arrival, and meet the post-arrival Australian requirements.
4. In the situation where supporting documentation can be provided by the owner/exporter to attest to the requirements in the export certificate, NZFSA VA can be deemed as the sole Recognised Agency responsible for this export.

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'.