

**Export Laboratory Programme-  
Requirements for Laboratories and Persons Conducting Testing of Live  
Animals and Germplasm for Export  
Implementation**

The Animal Products (Recognised Laboratories and Persons Specifications for Conducting Testing of Live Animals and Germplasm for Export) Notice 2009, has been issued. The Export Laboratory Programme is available on the MAFBNZ website:

<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/exports/animals/oap>

Copies may be obtained by emailing [animalexports@maf.govt.nz](mailto:animalexports@maf.govt.nz) or by phoning 0800 00 83 33

**The Export Laboratory Programme comes into force on 1 February 2010.**

To enter the programme laboratories will need to be accredited to ISO 17025 to the scope of the Export Laboratory Programme, and be recognised by MAFBNZ.

**Existing** laboratories may operate under their current provisions until their accreditation or surveillance audit date is due. Before that date, laboratories will need to have developed the following:

- procedures to meet specifications of the Export Laboratory Programme
- application for recognition of the laboratory
- applications for the recognition of person(s).

The accreditation body (IANZ) will audit to ISO 17025 to the scope of the Export Laboratory Programme. We recommend that you make appropriate arrangements with IANZ.

**New** laboratories entering the Export Laboratory Programme will need to be audited and accredited to ISO 17025 and to the scope of the Export Laboratory Programme by IANZ before application for recognition can be made to MAFBNZ.

**All labs must operate under the new Export Laboratory Programme by date 31 Jan 2011.**