



Cervine Embryos to Australia (OMAR)

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TITLE

Animal Products Notice: Cervine Embryos to Australia

COMMENCEMENT

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 8 May 2019

REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- CEREMB.AU 1 September 2016 – Cervine Embryos to Australia

ISSUING AUTHORITY

This Animal Products Notice is issued under sections 167(1) and 60(1) of the Animal Products Act 1999.

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Introduction

This introduction is not part of the Animal Products Notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to set out the zoosanitary requirements necessary to export compliant cervine embryos from New Zealand to Australia.

Background

The Animal Products Act 1999 provides the controls and mechanisms needed to give and to safeguard official assurances or zoosanitary certificates to facilitate the entry of animal material including live animals, hatching eggs, semen and embryos, and products into overseas markets.

Notices issued as Overseas Market Access Requirements (OMARs) under section 60(1)(a) and (b) of the Animal Products Act specify the requirements that are necessary or desirable for the purpose of facilitating access to overseas markets or are in accordance with the requirements of the relevant authority of the importing country.

OMARs may also determine the form and content of the official assurances that can be issued for animal material or product, including live animals, hatching eggs, semen or embryos, which meet the specified requirements.

Where the OMAR determines the form and content of the official assurances, a separate export certificate template is available to authorised persons, recognised persons and registered exporters who have applied for access to the certificate templates, to facilitate the completion and issuing of the relevant official assurance. That template will be an amendable version of the form set in the OMAR.

Notices issued under section 60(1)(c) of the Animal Products Act to safeguard the assurances provided by New Zealand, and guidance in the form of Codes of Practice, should be read in conjunction with this Notice.

This OMAR specifies the requirements that must be met by exporters of cervine embryos to be exported from New Zealand to Australia and determines the form and content of the official assurance that must accompany the cervine embryos to be exported. The OMAR was issued after minor amendments to include the test date, type, and result for bovine tuberculosis, were made in accordance with the Australian Biosecurity Import Conditions (BICON) requirements, and accessed from the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources website on 17th April 2019.

Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of cervine embryos to Australia.

Operators of export approved premises collecting cervine embryos for export to Australia.

Why is this important?

This Notice is important because it sets out the requirements that need to be met so that the Director-General of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) can certify that the cervine embryos meet the requirements for export to Australia which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of Australia, has determined will apply. It should be noted that although the cervine embryos may comply with these

requirements and be given an official assurance (by way of a certificate), the importing country ultimately retains control over what cervine embryos it clears for entry.

Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
18 August 2016	Health status of donor stag	Updated Schmallerberg virus requirements
8 May 2019	All sections	Updated embryo donor table to include TB test details. New OMAR format

Other information

Export non-conformances

Exporters should note that, under section 51 of the Animal Products Act 1999, where they have exported animal material or products, including live animals, hatching eggs, semen and embryos, that are refused entry by the foreign government they have a statutory duty to notify the Director-General of MPI not later than 24 hours after they have first knowledge of the event.

Liability

Section 61A of the Animal Products Act 1999 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.

Related documents

OMAR documents can be downloaded from <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/law-and-policy/requirements/omars-overseas-market-access-requirements/omars-live-animals-semen-embryos-organics/>

When you click on the + symbol on the right-hand side of any OMAR document, you can view the related information and documents (guidance document and export certificate template).

The export certificate for this OMAR is provided in Cervine Embryos to Australia (Export Certificate). The export certificate is password-protected.

Part 1: Requirements

1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to the export of frozen cervine embryos from New Zealand to Australia.

1.2 Definitions

- (1) In this Notice, unless the context otherwise requires:
Act means the Animal Products Act 1999
- (2) A term in this Notice that is defined in the Act has the meaning given to it in the Act
- (3) A term used in this Notice that is defined in the Act or the following Notices (or their successors) has the meaning given to it in the Act or that Notice:
 - a) [Animal Products Notice: Official Assurances Specifications for Animal Material and Animal Products.](#)
 - b) [Animal Products Notice: Specifications for Laboratories.](#)

1.3 Requirements for export

- (1) Cervine embryos exported from New Zealand to Australia must be accompanied by an official assurance in the form of a zoosanitary certificate as specified in Part 2.
- (2) A zoosanitary certificate must be completed and issued by an authorised person.
- (3) In order to issue a zoosanitary certificate, the authorised person must be satisfied that:
 - a) A permit to import the cervine embryos has been issued by the Australian competent authority.
 - b) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice.

1.4 Specific requirements for the zoosanitary certificate

- (1) A schedule is to be used where a consignment includes more than one donor.
- (2) Tests for bovine tuberculosis must be carried out at least 90 days after any previous tuberculin test.
- (3) With regards to clause IV: Origin of the embryos, where there is more than one team veterinarian, each team veterinarian must be listed.

1.5 Laboratories

- (1) Where this Notice requires laboratory testing to be undertaken the testing must be done in laboratories operating in accordance with the Recognised Laboratory Programme (RLP) unless otherwise stated.

Part 2: Zoosanitary Certificate



Certificate No:

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Commodity: CERVINE EMBRYOS

To: AUSTRALIA

Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND

Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Import Permit number:

(Use a schedule for more than one donor)

I: SEMEN DONOR	
Name	
Date(s) of semen collection	
Semen identification	

II: EMBRYO DONOR	
Name	
Breed	
Stud book / Registration No.	
Ear tag / Tattoo / Brand / Microchip No. *	
Date of entry into facility / resident flock	
TB test (date, type of test, result)	
III: IDENTIFICATION OF THE EMBRYOS	
Date(s) of embryo/ova flushes	
Straw identification ⁽¹⁾	
Number of embryos	
Number of straws	
Transport container(s) / shipper(s) identification	

* Delete if not applicable

⁽¹⁾ Genetic material must be listed against the identity of the sealed transport container(s) / shipper(s).

Total number of embryos in this consignment:

IV: ORIGIN OF THE CERVINE EMBRYOS

Name of premises where the embryos were originally collected:	Name, address and approval number of embryo team:
Name of approved team veterinarian:	Telephone:

Name and address of exporter:
.....

V: DESTINATION OF THE EMBRYOS

Name and address of consignee:.....
.....

Nature and identification of means of transport:

Certificate No:

VI: SANITARY INFORMATION**VETERINARY CERTIFICATE**

I,, an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries hereby certify, after due enquiry, with respect to the donor animals and embryos identified in this Zoosanitary Certificate, that:

1. No cases of disease caused by Schmallenberg virus have been detected or reported in New Zealand
2. Prior to collection the donors were part of a herd that is officially free of bovine tuberculosis.
3. During the twelve (12) months immediately prior to the collection of embryos for this consignment, each donor was tested with a negative result for bovine tuberculosis using:
 - Either 3.1 a blood test
 - Or 3.2 a mid-cervical intradermal tuberculin test.

(Delete as appropriate)
4. Each donor animal was individually marked and isolated (no nose-to-nose contact) from other deer not of equivalent health status, from seven (7) days before the first collection of embryos until the last collection of embryos. During this period the donor was in a cervine embryo collection facility or a resident herd approved by New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries and under the supervision of an approved veterinarian.
5. The embryos in this consignment were fertilised:
 - Either 5.1 by natural mating with a stag with the same health status as the female donor
 - Or 5.2 by semen collected at a semen centre approved by New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries to collect cervine semen for export.

(Delete as appropriate)
6. The embryos were collected, processed, identified and stored in accordance with the procedures detailed in the current *Manual of the International Embryo Transfer Society* (IETS).
7. The embryos in this consignment were not subjected to micro-manipulation involving breaching of the zona pellucida and all had intact zona pellucida at the time of storage.
8. The embryos were identified and stored since the end of the collection period until export, under the supervision of an Official Veterinarian in containers in which no biological material other than semen, embryos or ova of equivalent health status was held.
9. Where reproductive material was removed from containers for further processing or aggregation with other reproductive material at an approved centre or laboratory, the dates of transfer, reason for transfer, name of the approved centre or laboratory and the approved veterinarian must be listed against the **containers**.
10. The container for export was:
 - Either 10.1 a new shipper
 - Or 10.2 prior to loading, emptied and inspected and any loose straws removed. The shipper, including all surfaces contacting the straws, was disinfected with:

Product used:

Date of disinfection:

(AQIS accept the following disinfectants: 2% available chlorine, 2% Virkon, or irradiated at 50kGy).

(Delete as appropriate)

10.3 Only new liquid nitrogen was added to the shipping container

11. Prior to shipment, the semen transportation container was sealed by an Official Veterinarian with an official seal, bearing the number or mark:

.....
Signature Official Veterinarian
New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

.....
Official Stamp and Date

Name and Address:

.....

Note: the Official Veterinarian must sign, date and stamp each page of the veterinary certificate and, where applicable, all documents (e.g. laboratory reports) that form part of the extended health certification.