



Export Requirements for Transportation of Products for Export with an Official Assurance

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TITLE

Animal Products Notice: Export Requirements for Transportation and Handling of Products for Export with an Official Assurance

COMMENCEMENT

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 1 August 2018

REVOCATION

This Notice revokes and replaces the Animal Products (Transport of Export Animal Products and Handling at Point of Export) Notice 2009

ISSUING AUTHORITY

This Animal Products Notice is issued under section 167(1) of the Animal Products Act 1999 for the purposes of section 60 of the Act

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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 Notice is to specify export requirements for transporting and handling within New Zealand of animal product and animal material for human or animal consumption that is intended for export with an official assurance.

Background

- (1) This Notice replaces the Animal Products (Transport of Export Animal Products and Handling at Point of Export) Notice 2009. Both Notices relate to animal material or animal products intended for export with an official assurance and all forms of transport by any operator.
- (2) In practice, transportation by road, rail, air or sea may involve transshipping at depots where goods are transferred between transportation units. Both the actual transport and the handling during transshipping are covered by this Notice.
- (3) Many transport operators already operate under a risk management programme (RMP) under the Act. An RMP will set out how an operator will comply with this Notice and manage the risks that arise during transportation of relevant goods. For those transport operators that do not operate under a RMP, detailed requirements are imposed via a related regulated control scheme (RCS). That scheme is imposed by the Animal Products Notice: Regulated Control Scheme - Transportation and Handling of Products for Export with an Official Assurance.
- (4) New terminology has been introduced in this Notice such as:
 - a) “export loading facility or ELF” that includes wharves, container transit facilities and airport holding facilities; and
 - b) “preservation temperature”.

Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

- (1) This Notice should be read by any person who transports and handles animal material and animal product for human or animal consumption that is intended for export with an official assurance. This includes any operator of a depot (including a vehicle docking facility or VDF) or export loading facility (ELF) where those goods may be handled.

Why is this important?

- (1) All people with responsibilities under this Notice must comply with its requirements. Failure to do so is an offence under section 135 of the Animal Products Act 1999.
- (2) Any animal product or animal material that does not comply with this Notice could be ineligible for export with an official assurance.

Document History

- (1) The requirements for transport and handling at wharves for export were based on market access requirements set in 2000, in particular for the European Union (EU) and were formalised in legislation by notices issued in 2009 and 2010. These were the:
 - a) Animal Products (Transport of Export Animal Products and Handling at Point of Export) Notice 2009;
 - b) Animal Products (Regulated Control Scheme – Transport of Export Animal Products and Animal Material for Export with An Official Assurance) 2009; and

- c) Animal Products (Regulated Control Scheme – Handling of Animal Products and Animal Material at Wharves) Notice 2010.

Other information

- (1) Requirements that are relevant to the transportation of refrigerated animal material and animal product for human or animal consumption are listed in the [Transport, Stores & Wharves Road Map](#).

Part 1: Preliminary provisions

1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to operators of an animal product business who transport relevant goods (as defined in Clause 1.2) by road, rail, air or sea and applies from the time the goods leave the first processor until the point of loading for export.

1.2 Definitions

- (1) In this Notice, unless the context otherwise requires:

Act means the Animal Products Act 1999

depot means a facility that is used to tranship (temporarily hold) relevant goods in the course of a journey and includes a vehicle docking facility (VDF)

export loading facility (ELF) means a wharf or other facility from which sealed transportation units of relevant goods are loaded onto vessels or aircraft for export and may include associated facilities identified in the operating procedures of the operator (e.g. container transit facilities etc.)

first processor, in relation to relevant goods, means the first RMP operator that processes the goods (primary or secondary processor)

journey means a journey between:

- a) an RMP operator; and
- b) another RMP operator or an ELF

preservation temperature, in relation to particular refrigerated relevant goods, means the range of temperatures specified in regulations or notices made under the Act or otherwise as specified by the consignor, at which the relevant goods preserve their fitness for purpose

refrigerated relevant goods means relevant goods that are chilled or frozen at the point that they leave the first processor and intended to be received in a chilled or frozen state

relevant goods means animal material or animal product that is:

- a) intended for human or animal consumption; and
- b) intended for export from New Zealand with an official assurance

RMP operator means an operator who operates an animal products business under a registered risk management programme

transhipment means the transferring of relevant goods between transportation units at a depot as part of the journey

transport and **transportation**, in relation to relevant goods, includes any transhipment or handling that is incidental to the loading, unloading and transhipment of goods in the course of a journey and holding and handling of relevant goods at an ELF

transportation unit means a container, or a compartment or part of a vehicle or vessel, that is used to contain relevant goods during a journey

- (2) Terms that are defined in the Act and used, but not defined, in this Notice, have the meanings set out in the Act.

Part 2: Requirements

2.1 Operators to operate under an RMP or RCS

- (1) Relevant goods may only be transported by a person who:
 - a) operates under an RMP that provides for the transport of relevant goods; or
 - b) is registered and operates in accordance with the requirements of the RCS imposed by the Animal Products Notice: Regulated Control Scheme - Transportation and Handling of Products for Export with an Official Assurance.

2.2 How relevant goods are to be transported

- (1) Relevant goods must be transported in a manner that ensures that the goods are:
 - a) maintained so that they remain fit for purpose; and
 - b) kept secure from the risk of substitution.
- (2) Depots, ELF's and transportation units used for the transport of relevant goods must be:
 - a) designed, constructed, cleaned and maintained in a way that minimises the opportunity for contamination of the relevant goods contained in them; and
 - b) capable of keeping any refrigerated relevant goods within their preservation temperatures.

2.3 Traceability and verification

- (1) All operators must prepare, maintain and keep records that can be used to:
 - a) trace all movements of relevant goods from the time they leave the first processor to the time they are loaded for export; and
 - b) verify compliance with the requirements of this Notice.