



Dogs and Cats to South Africa (OMAR)

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TITLE

Animal Products Notice: Dogs and Cats to South Africa (OMAR)

COMMENCEMENT

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 19 April 2024

REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- Dogs and Cats to South Africa (OMAR), effective 6 July 2020

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 dogs and cats from New Zealand to South Africa.

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 Operational Codes, should be read in conjunction with this Notice.

This OMAR specifies the requirements that must be met by exporters of dogs and cats to be exported from New Zealand to South Africa and determines the form and content of the official assurance that must accompany the dogs and cats to be exported. This OMAR is based on the previous *Animal Products Notice: Dogs and Cats to South Africa (OMAR)*, effective 6 July 2020) and the South African published: *Information Document On The Importation Of Dogs And Cats Into The Republic Of South Africa*, updated 08-06-2022.

Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of dogs and cats to South Africa.

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 dogs and cats meet the requirements for export to South Africa which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of South Africa, has determined will apply. It should be noted that although the dogs and cats may comply with these requirements and be given an official assurance (by way of a certificate), the importing country ultimately retains control over what dogs and cats it clears for entry.

Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
6 July 2020	All sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New OMAR format• New Official Assurance format
19 April 2024	Part 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Removal of the country freedom statements for:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– <i>Babesia gibsoni</i>– <i>Brucella canis</i>– <i>Dirofilaria immitis</i>– <i>Trypanosoma evansi</i>– Leishmania.

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/export-requirements/omars-for-live-animals-semen-and-embryos/>

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 for in Dogs and Cats to South Africa (Export Certificate). The export certificate is password-protected through a RealMe ® account.

Part 1: Requirements

1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to the export of dogs and cats from New Zealand to South Africa.

1.2 Definitions

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

Act means the Animal Products Act 1999.

- (2) 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 Requirements.](#)
- b) [Animal Products Notice: Recognised Laboratories.](#)

1.3 Requirements for export

- (1) Dogs and cats exported from New Zealand to South Africa must be accompanied by an official assurance in the form of a zoosanitary certificate, a sample version of which is included 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 dogs and cats has been issued by the competent authority of South Africa.
 - b) In the case of dogs only, the animal has been treated for *Dirofilaria immitis* from the date the blood samples for Clauses 6.1.1, 6.1.2, 6.1.3, 6.1.4, and 6.1.5 were taken, until export at the required intervals.
 - c) In the case of dogs only, treatment for *Dirofilaria Immitis* must continue for six (6) months after arrival in South Africa. Heartworm drugs are not available in the Republic of South Africa and must be imported by the importer of the dog at the time of the importation of the dog(s) six (6) months' supply of treatment for *Dirofilaria immitis* is to be supplied and attached to the dog(s) crate.
 - d) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice.

1.4 Specific requirements for the zoosanitary certificate

Table 1.4A

Clause in zoosanitary certificate	Type of testing	Condition on test
6.1.1	<i>Brucella canis</i>	Must use serum agglutination
6.1.2	<i>Trypanosoma evansi</i>	Must use both: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Card agglutination test • Giemsa blood smear
6.1.3	<i>Babesia gibsoni</i>	Must use both: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immunofluorescence antibody test • Giemsa blood smear
6.1.4	<i>Dirofilaria immitis</i>	Must use microfilarial filtration test

6.1.5	Leishmaniosis	Must use either: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indirect fluorescent antibody test• Enzyme Linked Immunoassay (ELISA)• Western blot/ membrane immunoassay
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- (1) The testing for diseases specified in column 2 of Table 1.4A must meet the relevant conditions in column 3 of that table.

1.5 Laboratories

- (1) Where this Notice requires laboratory testing to be undertaken for official purposes the testing, unless otherwise stated must be done in laboratories recognised by MPI for this testing.

Part 2: Zoosanitary Certificate

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Certificate Number NZL2020/SAMPLE/0000

SANITARY CERTIFICATE FOR DOGS AND CATS TO SOUTH AFRICA

Name and address of consignor: <LICENCE> <consignor-name> <consignor-address> <consignor-city> <consignor-state> <consignor-country>		Exporting Country: New Zealand			
Name and address of consignee: <consignee-name> <consignee-address> <consignee-city> <consignee-postcode> <consignee-country>		Competent Authority: Ministry for Primary Industries			
		Means of Transport: <mode>			
Item	Species	Breed / Colour	Sex	Date of birth	Microchip Number and location
1					
2					
Name: Item 1 <name>, Item 2 <name>.		Import Permit number: <import permit number>			

The conditions, as stated below, apply to the live animals described herein at the time of export from New Zealand.
I, the undersigned Ministry for Primary Industries Official Veterinarian hereby certify that the animals listed above are unconditionally eligible for export to South Africa.

1. New Zealand is free of rabies.

2. The animal(s) has either been continuously resident in New Zealand since birth or has been continuously resident in New Zealand or South Africa for the last six (6) months prior to scheduled date of export.

3. The animal(s) originates from an area that is not under official veterinary restrictions for any disease to which dogs and cats are susceptible.

4. The animal(s) will be shipped in containers which conform to IATA regulations, which will be new and are of such a nature that contact with other animals of a lesser health status, en route, is prevented.

5. The animal(s) was examined clinically by an Official Veterinarian within ten (10) days of scheduled date of export and was found to be free of external parasites, contagious and infectious diseases to which the species is susceptible and was fit to travel.

6. IN THE CASE OF DOGS:

6.1 The dog(s) has been tested with negative results, within thirty (30) days of scheduled date of export, for the following conditions at an officially approved laboratory:

6.1.1 Serum agglutination for *Brucella canis*
Date of sample collection: <dd/mm/yyyy>

6.1.2 Card agglutination test and a Giemsa blood smear for *Trypanosoma evansi*
Date of sample collection: <dd/mm/yyyy>

6.1.3 Immunofluorescence antibody test and Giemsa blood smear for *Babesia gibsoni*
Date of sample collection: <dd/mm/yyyy>

6.1.4 Microfilarial filtration test for *Dirofilaria immitis*
Date of sample collection: <dd/mm/yyyy>

6.1.5 Indirect fluorescent antibody or ELISA or Direct agglutination test or Western blot/membrane immunoassay for *Leishmaniosis*
Date of sample collection: <dd/mm/yyyy>

6.2. The dog(s) must be treated with an effective acaricide and insecticide which contains fluralaner as the active ingredient, within thirty (30) days before departure.
Date of treatment: <dd/mm/yyyy>
Product and dosage: <insert product and dosage>

6.3 The animal(s) has been treated for *Dirofilaria immitis* from the date of negative testing until export, at the required intervals with:

6.3.1 Ivermectin (6 micrograms/kg per os monthly)
Or
6.3.2 Milbemycin oxime (0.5 mg/kg per os monthly)
Or
6.3.3 Moxidectin (3 micrograms/kg per os monthly)
Or
6.3.4 Selamectin (6mg/kg)
Date of treatment: <dd/mm/yyyy>

6.4 Treatment for *Dirofilaria immitis* must continue for six months after arrival in South Africa. I have informed the owner/person in custody of the dog of this condition, and I confirm that the owner/custodian has sufficient amounts of the drug used in possession to carry out the required therapy. (*Dirofilaria immitis* drugs are not available in the Republic of South Africa and must be imported by the importer of the dog, at the time of the importation of the dog)



Done at

Seal

Signature of official veterinarian, New Zealand Government

On

Name, title and qualifications