

Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999

Regulation and Assurance Branch, Animal Health & Welfare Directorate, Ministry for Primary Industries

Ref: AE-ZW-05
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BOVSEM.ZW 4 July 2018 – Bovine embryos to Zimbabwe

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60, section 60A, section 62(1) and section 167 of the Animal Products Act 1999 I notify the following:

- (i) the issue under section 167 of the Overseas Market Access Requirements for bovine embryos to Zimbabwe, BOVSEM.ZW dated 4 July 2018;
- (ii) the determination under section 62(1) of the format and content of the official assurance for bovine embryos to Zimbabwe.

This notice takes effect from the 4th July 2018.

Dated at Wellington this 2nd day of July 2018.

Signed: Howard Pharo
Manager Import and Export Animals
Animal Health and Welfare Directorate
Regulation and Assurance Branch
(acting under delegated authority)

2. Zimbabwe requirements

Bovine embryos exported from New Zealand to Zimbabwe must be accompanied by an official assurance in the form of a completed zoosanitary certificate.

The zoosanitary certificate as specified below must be completed and certified, after due enquiry, by an Official Veterinarian of the Ministry for Primary Industries.

Explanatory note:

If the zoosanitary certificate is not certified then the bovine embryos do not satisfy the conditions in the notice. Likewise, if the bovine embryos do not satisfy the zoosanitary requirements in the certificate, then the certificate will not be certified.



Certificate No:

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES**ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE**

Commodity: BOVINE EMBRYOS

To: ZIMBABWE

Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND

Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Import Permit Number:

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

II: EMBRYO DONOR	
Name	
Breed	
Stud book / Registration No.	
Date of entry into facility / resident flock	
III: IDENTIFICATION OF THE EMBRYOS	
Date(s) of embryo/ova flushes	
Straw identification	
Number of embryos	
Number of straws	

Total number of embryos in this consignment:

IV: ORIGIN OF THE EMBRYOSName and address of the exporter:
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Name of the approved embryo collection team:.....

Name and address of the premises at which the embryos were collected:.....

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V: DESTINATION OF THE EMBRYOS

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

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Means of transport:

VI: SANITARY INFORMATION**VETERINARY CERTIFICATE**

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

1. COUNTRY FREEDOM

- 1.1 New Zealand is free from brucellosis (*Brucella abortus*), contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, vesicular stomatitis, Rift Valley fever, and rinderpest
- 1.2 New Zealand has a negligible risk for Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) according to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).
- 1.3 New Zealand is officially recognised free from foot and mouth disease (FMD) where vaccination is not practised by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).

2. DONOR ANIMAL(S)

- 2.1 The embryo donor(s) was continuously resident for at least twenty eight (28) days prior to collection in a herd that was not under restriction relating to notifiable diseases of cattle where transmission can occur through embryos; and during that time was not used for natural mating.

- 2.2 The embryo donor(s) was healthy and free from clinical evidence of infectious diseases transmissible by embryo transfer throughout the collection period;

- 2.3 The embryo donor(s);

Either [2.3.1 was from herds that, at the time of collection, were officially free of bovine tuberculosis]*

Or [2.3.2 was tested, with negative results to an intra-dermal tuberculin test post collection]*

** Delete as applicable*

- 2.4 For **bovine viral diarrhoea virus (BVDV)**:

Either 2.4.1 [The embryo donor(s):

2.4.1.1 was tested prior to collection, using VI or (Ag)ELISA or PCR, with negative results and during this time was kept isolated from cattle not of an equivalent health status;

2.4.1.2 was tested prior to collection, using (Ab)ELISA or VNT; and in the case of a negative result, the donor animal(s) was tested again at least twenty one (21) days post collection using (Ab)ELISA or VNT, with negative results]*

Or 2.4.2 [The embryo donor(s) was tested on the day of collection, using VI or (Ag)ELISA or PCR with negative results]*

Or 2.4.3 [A pooled sample of embryos/oocytes, collection fluids and/or washing fluids from each embryo collection for export has been tested by VI or PCR, with negative results]*

** Delete as applicable*

- 2.5 The embryo(s) in this consignment were fertilized with semen that is eligible for export to Zimbabwe.

3. COLLECTION, PROCESSING AND STORAGE OF THE EMBRYOS

- 3.1 The embryo collection team is supervised by a registered veterinarian and is approved by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries to collect embryos for export
- 3.2 The embryos were collected, processed, identified and stored in accordance with the recommendations set out in the OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* and the *International Embryos Transfer Society (IETS) Manual*, including additional treatment with trypsin.

4. TRANSPORT

- 4.1 The shipping container, which contains only new liquid nitrogen, was:

Either [4.1.1 new]*

Or [4.1.2 prior to loading, the shipping container was emptied and inspected, and any loose straws removed. The shipping container, including all surfaces contacting the straws, was disinfected using:

Name of active ingredient:.....

Date of disinfection:]*

**Delete as applicable*

- 4.2 Prior to export, the shipping container was sealed by an Official Veterinarian, using a seal(s) that bears the following marks:

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Signature of the Official Veterinarian
Ministry for Primary Industries

.....
Official Stamp and Date

.....
Name and Address

NB: The Official Veterinarian must sign, date and stamp each page of the veterinary certificate using a different colour ink to the paper and the print, and, where applicable, sign, date and stamp each page of the documents (e.g. laboratory reports) that form part of the extended health certification.

EXPORT CERTIFICATION

(This is not part of the official certification)

COMMODITY: BOVINE EMBRYOS

COUNTRY: ZIMBABWE

NOTES: This is a new export certificate. It was approved by Ministry of Agriculture, Mechanization & Irrigation Development, on 27 June 2018.

1. An Import Permit is required.
2. **Clause 2.5** – where imported semen is used:
 - a. the semen must meet the current zoosanitary requirements between the country where the bovine semen is collected and Zimbabwe.
 - b. At the time of arrival the semen was transported directly to an MPI approved centre where it was stored under the supervision of the Approved Veterinarian; in accordance with the *OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code* until embryo production.

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'.