



## Ovine Semen to Canada (OMAR)

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## TITLE

Animal Products Notice: Ovine Semen to Canada

## COMMENCEMENT

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 18 June 2019

## REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- *Ovine Semen to Canada - OVISEM.CA dated 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018*

## 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 ovine semen from New Zealand to Canada.

## 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 ovine semen to be exported from New Zealand to Canada and determines the form and content of the official assurance that must accompany the ovine semen to be exported. The OMAR was issued after consultation with industry and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). It is based on the import conditions supplied by the CFIA, dated 24 July 2003.

## Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of ovine semen to Canada.

Operators of Export Approved Premises collecting ovine semen for export to Canada.

## 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 ovine semen meets the requirements for export to Canada which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of Canada, has determined will apply. It should be noted that although the ovine semen may comply with these requirements

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

## Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
18 June 2019	All sections	New OMAR format Updated to allow the 30 day residency prior to collection to be completed in either pre-entry isolation or on the semen collection centre.

## 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 for in *Ovine Semen to Canada (Export Certificate)*. The export certificate is password-protected.

## Part 1: Requirements

### 1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to the export of ovine semen from New Zealand to Canada.

### 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) Ovine semen exported from New Zealand to Canada 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 ovine semen has been issued by the competent authority of Canada.
  - b) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice.

### 1.4 Specific requirements for the zoosanitary certificate

- (1) A schedule should be used where a consignment includes more than one donor animal.

### 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.

## 2 Zoosanitary Certificate



Certificate No: .....

### NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

#### ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Species: OVINE SEMEN  
To: CANADA

Import Permit Number: .....

Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND  
Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

#### I: IDENTIFICATION OF THE DONOR ANIMALS AND SEMEN

Name and Breed	Herd Book No.	Date of Collection	Straw Identification	No. of Straws	Date Animals Entered Centre

Total number of straws: .....

#### II: ORIGIN OF THE SEMEN

Name, address and approval number of semen collection centre: .....

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Name and address of exporter: .....

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#### III: DESTINATION OF SEMEN

Name and address of consignee: .....

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Number of tamper-proof seal on shipping container: .....

Serial number of shipping tank: .....

Method of transport: .....

**IV: SANITARY INFORMATION****VETERINARY CERTIFICATE**

I, ....., an official veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries certify, after due enquiry, in regard to the animals and semen listed in the Zoosanitary Certificate, that:

**1. COUNTRY OF FREEDOM**

New Zealand is officially free from bluetongue, *Brucella abortus*, *Brucella. melitensis*, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, foot and mouth disease, maedi-visna, Nairobi sheep disease, peste des petits ruminants, pulmonary adenomatosis, Rift Valley fever, rinderpest, scrapie, and sheep and goat pox.

**2. DONOR ANIMALS**

- 2.1 The donor animals were born and have remained in New Zealand for their entire lives.
- 2.2 The donor animals have been isolated, or continuously resident in the semen collection centre for at least thirty (30) days immediately prior to collection of the semen to be exported. During this period they did not come into contact with animals of a lesser health status.
- 2.3 The farms of origin have not been under any restriction or quarantine measure pertaining to animal disease during the time that the donors were resident on them.
- 2.3 Bovine tuberculosis:
  - Either: 2.4.1 [There is no evidence of tuberculosis in the animals on the farms of origin]\*
  - Or: 2.4.2 [The flock was tested twice by an intradermal test using bovine tuberculin, with negative results, within 24 months immediately prior to the date of collection of the semen]\*

(Delete as appropriate)
- 2.4 The donor animals have not been used for natural service during the entire period of collection centre residency until the completion of collection.
- 2.5 The donor animals were examined and found to be free from clinical evidence of communicable disease during every procedure related to the preparation and collection of the exported semen.
- 2.6 Any premises the donor animal(s) have resided on in the past twelve (12) months have been free of bovine tuberculosis, for the twelve (12) months immediately prior to movement of the animal(s) off the premises, and the twelve (12) months immediately prior to collection.

**3. SEMEN COLLECTION**

- 3.1 The semen was collected and processed in a semen collection centre approved for this purpose by New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries.
- 3.2 The semen was collected and processed at a centre under the supervision of a veterinarian approved for this purpose by New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries.
- 3.3 The premises where the exported semen was collected has not been under any restriction or quarantine measure with respect to animal disease.



Certificate No: .....

**4. SEMEN PROCESSING, STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION**

- 4.1 The semen was collected, processed, and stored in a hygienic manner that prevented contamination with pathogenic micro-organisms.
- 4.2 All materials with animal ingredients used in the processing of the semen were sourced and processed to prevent introduction of pathogenic micro-organisms.
- 4.3 All equipment used to collect, handle, wash, freeze and store the semen was new or sterilised prior to use.
- 4.4 Straws or ampoules contain semen from only one donor. The semen was frozen in a cryogenic agent not previously used for other products of animal origin.
- 4.5 The straws were sealed at the time of freezing and marked with the date of collection, breed, identity of donor and the identity of the semen collection centre.
- 4.6 The semen for export has not come into contact with any animals, products, or equipment of a lesser zoosanitary health status during storage and transportation to the port of exportation.
- 4.7 The semen has been stored in sterile straws or ampoules in sanitised liquid nitrogen containers at an approved storage place for a minimum period of 30 days prior to export.
- 4.8 Prior to export, the transport container was sealed by an official veterinarian using seals bearing the marks: .....

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Signature of Official Veterinarian  
Ministry for Primary Industries

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Official Stamp and date

.....  
Name and address

**Note. 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.**