



# Bovine Semen to Tonga (OMAR)

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## **TITLE**

Animal Products Notice: Bovine Semen to Tonga (OMAR)

## **COMMENCEMENT**

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 1 February 2019

## **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 bovine semen from New Zealand to Tonga.

## 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 bovine semen to be exported from New Zealand to Tonga and determines the form and content of the official assurance that must accompany the bovine semen to be exported. The OMAR was issued after consultation with industry and the government of Tonga. It is based on import requirements received on 22 November 2018.

## Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of bovine semen to Tonga.

Operators of Export Approved Premises collecting bovine semen for export to Tonga.

## 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 bovine semen meets the requirements for export to Tonga which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of Tonga, has determined will apply. It should be noted that although the bovine 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 commodity it clears for entry.

## Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
1 February 2019		New Document

## 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:

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).

Guidance for this OMAR is provided in *Bovine Semen to Tonga (Guidance)*. The export certificate for this OMAR is provided in *Bovine Semen to Tonga (Export Certificate)*. This document is password-protected.

## Part 1: Requirements

### 1.1 Application

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

### 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 Specifications for Animal Material and Animal Products;
  - b) Animal Products Notice: Specifications for Laboratories.

### 1.3 Requirements for export

- (1) Bovine semen exported from New Zealand to Tonga 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 bovine semen has been issued by the competent authority of Tonga
  - b) the proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice

### 1.4 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) Despite sub clause (1), laboratory tests certified by the competent authority of the country of origin of imported semen can be accepted to certify semen for export from New Zealand to Tonga.

## Part 2: Zoosanitary Certificate



Certificate No: .....

### NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

#### ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Commodity: BOVINE SEMEN  
 To: TONGA  
 Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND  
 Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES  
 Import Permit No.: .....

#### I: INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DONOR BULL AND SEMEN

Name and breed	Herd / stud book registration number	Date of collection / batch number	Straw identification	Number of straws

Total number of straws in the consignment: .....

#### II: ORIGIN OF THE SEMEN

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

Name and address of the consignor: .....

#### III: DESTINATION OF THE SEMEN

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

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

I, ....., being an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries, certify, after due enquiry in regard to the animal(s) and semen listed in this Zoosanitary Certificate, that:

**1. Donor animal**

- 1.1 The donor animal(s) was resident in a country free from foot and mouth disease, rinderpest and peste des petits ruminants, brucellosis (*B.abortus*), and lumpy skin disease, for at least ninety (90) days prior to collection of the semen for export
- 1.2 The donor animal(s) showed no clinical sign of disease transmissible in semen on the day of semen collection for export

**2. Donor animal testing**

- 2.1 For bluetongue;

**Either** [2.1.1 the donor animal(s) was resident in a country, or bluetongue free zone as defined in the *World Animal Health Organisation (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health code*, for at least ninety (90) days prior to collection]\*

**Or** [2.1.2 the donor animal(s) was subjected to a competitive enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (cELISA), at least every sixty (60) days during collection, and between twenty one (21) and sixty (60) days after semen collection for export, with negative results]\*

**Or** [2.1.3 the donor animal(s) was subjected to a virus isolation (VI) or polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test, on blood samples collected at commencement and conclusion of, and at least every seven (7) days (for VI test) or at least every twenty eight (28) days (for PCR test), during semen collection for export, with negative results]\*

*\* Delete as applicable*

- 2.2 For bovine tuberculosis;

**Either** [2.2.1 the donor animal(s) was resident for at least thirty (30) days prior to collection, in a country free of bovine tuberculosis]\*

**Or** [2.2.2 the donor animal(s) was kept in the exporting country for at least thirty (30) days prior to collection, in a semen collection centre that is officially free of bovine tuberculosis]\*

*\* Delete as applicable*

**3. Storage**

- 3.1 In the case of imported semen; at the time of arrival in New Zealand the semen was transported directly to a MPI approved centre where it was stored under the supervision of the Approved Veterinarian; in accordance with the *OIE Terrestrial Code*.

Certificate No: .....

**4. Transport**

4.1 Prior to shipment, the container with the semen identified above was sealed with an official seal by an Official Veterinarian.

Number of the seal: .....

Serial number of the container: .....

.....  
Signature of 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.**