

Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999

Regulation & Assurance Branch, Animal & Animal Products Directorate, Ministry for Primary Industries

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Date: 30 August 2017

PETANI.CK 06 SEPTEMBER 2017 – DOGS AND CATS TO THE COOK ISLANDS

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 60 of the overseas market access requirements for dogs and cats to The Cook Islands, PETANI.CK dated 06 September 2017;
- (ii) the revocation and replacement of Dogs and cats to The Cook Islands OMAR B DOMANIEC.CKI dated 16.02.11;
- (iii) the determination under section 62(1) of the format and content of the official assurance for dogs and cats to The Cook Islands.

This notice takes effect from 6th September 2017.

Dated at Wellington this 31st day of August 2017.

Howard Pharo
Manager Import and Export Animals
Animal & Animal Products Directorate
Regulation & Assurance Branch
(acting under delegated authority)

2. The Cook Islands requirements

Dogs and cats exported from New Zealand to The Cook Islands 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.

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| <p>Explanatory Note: If the zoosanitary certificate is not certified then the dogs and cats do not satisfy the conditions in the notice. Likewise, if the dogs and cats do not satisfy the zoosanitary requirements in the certificate, then the certificate will not be certified.</p> |
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Certificate No:

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Commodity: DOGS & CATS
To: COOK ISLANDS
Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND
Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Import Permit No.:

I: IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMAL

| Species | Breed | Identification | Sex | Age | Description (colour/any distinguishing features) |
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II: ORIGIN OF THE ANIMAL

Name and address of exporter:
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Place of origin of the animal:
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III: DESTINATION OF ANIMAL

Name and address of consignee:
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Means and identification of transport:
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IV: SANITARY INFORMATION

VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

I,, being an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries, certify, after due enquiry with respect to the animal identified in this zoosanitary certificate, that:

- 1. I have no reason to doubt the owner's/exporter's declaration.
- 2. New Zealand has been officially free from rabies, and established populations of competent vectors for canine ehrlichiosis (*Ehrlichia canis*) have not been confirmed in New Zealand during the twelve (12) months prior to export.
- 3. The animal was treated for ectoparasites using an effective insecticide against fleas and ticks within 3 days of the scheduled date of export.

Date of treatment:

Active ingredient:

- 4. In the case of dogs, the animal was:
 - 4.1 Vaccinated against canine distemper, hepatitis and parvovirus infections at least 1 month and not more than 3 months prior to export.

Date of vaccination:

- 4.2 At least 12 weeks of age at the time of the parvovirus vaccination.
 - 4.3 Treated for Hydatids tapeworm with praziquantel at a dose rate of 5 mg/kg within 3 days of the scheduled date of export.

Date of treatment:

- 4.4 Treated with an anthelmintic effective against roundworms and whipworms within 3 days of scheduled date of export.

Date of treatment:

Active ingredient:

- 5. In the case of cats, the animal was:
 - 5.1 Vaccinated against feline enteritis (panleucopaenia) virus at least 1 month and not more than 12 months prior to export.

Date of vaccination:

- 5.2 Vaccinated against feline rhinotracheitis virus and feline calicivirus at least 1 month and not more than 3 months prior to export.

Date of vaccination:

- 5.3 At least 3 months of age at the time of the above vaccinations.

5.4 Treated with an anthelmintic effective against roundworms, hookworms, whipworms and tapeworms within 3 days of the scheduled date of export.

Date of treatment:

Active ingredient:

6. The animal was examined by an Official Veterinarian within 3 days of export and found to be free of clinical signs of disease and free of all ectoparasites (especially ticks).

7. No bedding of cereal or animal origin is accompanying the animal.

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Official Veterinarian
New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

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Official stamp and date

Name and address:

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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.

OWNER/EXPORTER STATUTORY DECLARATION

I,, being the owner/exporter* of the animal identified in the Zoosanitary Certificate declare that:

- 1. During the 30 day period immediately preceding the date of export the animal has been free of symptoms of disease and has not been in contact with any animal displaying symptoms of disease.
- 2. The animal has resided in the country of embarkment for at least 6 months prior to the scheduled date of export, or since birth if less than 6 months of age.
- 3. The animal will be at least four months of age on the date of export.

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*Owner/Exporter Signature Date

Address of owner/exporter:
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*delete whichever is not applicable

EXPORT CERTIFICATION

(This is not part of the official certification)

COMMODITY: DOGS AND CATS

COUNTRY: COOK ISLANDS

NOTES:

1. This certificate replaces that dated 16 February 2011 and is based on conditions from the Ministry of Agriculture, Rarotonga and was officially approved 31 August 2017.
2. A permit to import must be obtained from the Director of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture, Cook Islands **and** the Cook Islands Police (refer to clause 5 below) prior to actual importation.
3. A separate certificate must accompany each individual animal and all pages must be endorsed with an official stamp.
4. The animal must be consigned to the Cook Islands only by air as manifested cargo.
5. In addition to the conditions set out by the Cook Islands Ministry of Agriculture the following are requirements with respect to the importation of **dogs only** into the Cook Islands, as required by the Police Department as per the Cook Islands Dogs Registration Amendment Act 1991:
 - 5.1 All dogs imported into the Cook Islands also require a permit from the Police.
 - 5.2 The importation into the Cook Islands of bulldogs, dobermans, pit bull terriers, rottweilers (or any other breed of dog that the Police may specify from time to time) is prohibited.
 - 5.3 All dogs imported into the Cook Islands must be neutered or spayed.
 - 5.4 Dogs must be registered with the Police upon arrival in the Cook Islands.

(Please note: Clause 5 is a guide only. Importers are to consult the Police regarding the importation of dogs; as the Cook Islands Ministry of Agriculture will not be liable for any errors made by the importer in regard to these requirements.)
6. The actual date of embarkation and the Airline/Flight Number must be advised to the Animal Quarantine Supervisor or Senior Animal Quarantine Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Cook Islands (Ph: + 682 28711, Fax: + 682 21881) at the earliest opportunity and as least one working day before shipping.
7. The animal must be transported in accordance with the recommendations for the transport of live animals of the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animal Regulations as appropriate.
8. The animal will be inspected and treated as necessary on arrival in the Cook Islands by a Biosecurity Officer or Quarantine Officer and may not leave the Quarantine area of the port of entry until a Permit to Land has been issued.
9. Clause 3 of this export certificate requires the animal to be treated for ectoparasites using an effective insecticide against fleas and ticks within 3 days of the scheduled date of export. This requirement differs from that in the Cook Islands Import Permit, which states: the animal was washed twice with an effective insecticide solution at a seven day interval, the last being within three days of departure. This inconsistency was communicated to the competent authority in the Cook Islands in March 2005. As the export certificate was agreed to by The Ministry of Agriculture, Rarotonga, MPI assumes that it is acceptable to follow the export certificate requirements.

Section 61A 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'.