



OMAR 00/90

Labelling of Animal Materials and Animal Products

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1	Statutory Authority
	<p>Under section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999, I notify the following overseas market access requirements and associated specifications entitled "OMAR 00/90 - Labelling of Animal Materials and Animal Products"</p> <p>This notice takes effect on 1 October 2000</p> <p>Dated at Wellington this 25th day of July 2000.</p> <p>(signed)</p> <p>Tony Zohrab Director (Animal Products) (acting under delegated authority)</p> <p>Certified in order for signature</p> <p>(signed)</p> <p>Legal Services 25/7/2000</p>
2	Overseas Market Access Requirement: Generic
2.1	Labels on animal materials and animal products for export shall be truthful and not misleading including any label in a foreign language.
2.2	Animal materials and animal products shall be labelled in accordance with the relevant overseas market access requirements at the time of despatch from the final licensed/approved premises.
3	Specifications
3.1	Official assurance verifiers shall verify compliance with these requirements. MAF official assurances shall not be issued for product that has non-complying labels.

3.2	Operators shall obtain certified translations of any statement on or attached to any packaging, wrapping or label relating to animal materials or animal products intended for export. The operator at the premises where the labels are applied shall keep the certified translations for 3 years after the date on which the labels are last used. The translations shall be readily accessible for examination by official assurance verifiers.
3.3	Official Assurance verifiers shall verify labels and relevant translations in accordance with TD 99/49.
3.4	Operators shall not export any animal materials or animal products with labels found to be false or misleading by an official assurance verifier. Operators shall detain the materials or products until false or misleading labelling is removed or otherwise rectified to the satisfaction of the verifier.
3.5	The operator shall label all animal materials and animal products in accordance with the relevant overseas market access requirements as notified under section 60 of the Act.
4	Definitions
4.1	For the purposes of this document: Act means the Animal Products Act 1999 animal materials and animal products means animal products as defined in the Act except for seafood Certified translation means the English translation of any foreign language, in writing by a person independent of the operator and the signed statement made by the translator that he/she fully understands the words being translated and that the translation is accurate. Label means any information applied to any packaging or wrapping of animal materials or animal products. licensed/approved premises means premises licensed or approved under the Meat Act 1981 and any regulations made under this Act Operator includes licensees or persons using approved premises under the Meat Act 1981 Official assurance verifier means a person accredited under section 103 of the Animal Products Act 1999 to undertake official assurance verification and includes an Inspector appointed under section 4 of the Meat Act 1981 and employed by MAF Verification Agency.
4.2	Any term or expression that is defined in the Animal Products Act 1999 and used but not defined in this document has the same meaning as in that Act.
5	References
5.1	These requirements are additional to the requirements of manual 12, Part V, EU, section 2.8

Explanatory note

The Animal Products Act 1999 defines ‘risk factors’ in part as meaning the risks from false or misleading labelling. Specifications are being developed under Part 4 of the Act for animal products prepared in accordance with Parts 2 & 3 of the Act. Exporters have a duty to comply with any relevant animal product standards and specifications and any relevant overseas market access requirements notified or made available under section 60 of the Act.