Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999

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

Ref: AE-EU-24
Date: 20th April 2017

OVIANI.EU-EN 27 April 2017– Ovine animals to the European Union

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 export requirements for ovine animals to the European Union OVIANI.EU-EN dated 27 April 2017;

(ii) the revocation and replacement of the export requirements for ovine animals to the European Union OVIANIEC.EU-EN dated 11 April 2014;

(iii) the determination under section 62(1) of the format and content of the official assurance for ovine animals to the European Union.

This notice takes effect from the 27th April 2017.

Dated at Wellington this 21st day of April 2017.

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

2. European Union requirements

Ovine animals exported from New Zealand to the European Union 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 ovine animals do not satisfy the conditions in the notice. Likewise, if the ovine animals do not satisfy the zoosanitary requirements in the certificate, then the certificate will not be certified.

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

OVINE ANIMALS FOR BREEDING TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

COUNTRY: NEW ZEALAND **VETERINARY CERTIFICATE TO EU**

Part I: Details of dispatched consignment

I.1. Consignor
Name
Address
Tel.

I.2. Certificate reference No | I.2 a.

I.3. Central competent authority
Ministry for Primary Industries

I.4. Local competent authority
Ministry for Primary Industries

I.5. Consignee
Name
Address
Postal code
Tel.

I.6.

I.7. Country of origin	ISO code	I.8. Region of origin	Code
New Zealand	**NZ**	**Not Applicable**	**N/A**

I.9. Country of destination	ISO code	I.10. Region of destination	Code
		Not Applicable	**N/A**

I.11. Place of origin
Name Approval number **N/A**
Address

I.12.

I.13. Place of loading
Address Approval number **N/A**

I.14. Date of departure

I.15. Means of transport
Aeroplane ☒ Ship ☐ Railway wagon ☐
Road vehicle ☐ Other ☐
Identification
Documentary references

I.16. Entry BIP in EU

I.17.

I.18. Description of commodity

I.19. Commodity code (HS code)
01 04 10

I.20. Quantity

I.21.

I.22. Number of packages

I.23 Seal/Container No.

I.24.

I.25. Commodities certified for
Breeding ☐ Fattening ☐

I.26.

I.27. For import or admission into the EU ☒

I.28. Identification of the commodities

Species (scientific name)	Breed	Identification system	Identification number	Age	Sex

II. Health information	II.a. Certificate reference no	II.b.

Part II: Certification

II.1. Public health attestation

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify, that the animals described in this certificate:

II.1.1. come from holdings which have been free from any official prohibition on health grounds, for the last 42 days in the case of brucellosis, for the last 30 days in the case of anthrax, for the last six months in the case of rabies, and, have not been in contact with animals from holdings which did not comply with these conditions;

II.1.2. have not received:

- any stilbene or thyrostatic substances,

-oestrogenic, androgenic, gestagenic or β-agonist substances for purposes other than therapeutic or zootechnic treatment (as defined in Directive 96/22/EC);

II.2. Animal health attestation

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify, that the animals described above meet the following requirements:

II.2.1. they come from the territory with code: **NZ** (1) which, at the date of issuing this certificate:

(2) ~~*either*~~ [(a) has been free for 24 months from foot-and-mouth disease,]

(2) ~~*or*~~ [~~(a) has been considered free from foot-and-mouth disease, since ……(dd/mm/yyyy) without having had cases/outbreaks after that date, and authorised to export these animals by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No …/…, of …… (dd/mm/yyyy),~~]

(b) has been free for 12 months from rinderpest, Rift valley fever, peste des petites ruminants, sheep pox and goat pox, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, and epizootic haemorrhagic disease, and for 6 months from vesicular stomatitis,

(c) where during the last 12 months, no vaccination against the diseases mentioned in points (a) and (b) has been carried out and imports of domestic cloven-hoofed animals vaccinated against these diseases are not permitted;]

(2) ~~*either*~~ [(d) has been free for 24 months from bluetongue;]

(2)(7) ~~*or*~~ [~~(d) has been free for 24 months from bluetongue, and the animals have reacted negatively to a serological test for the detection of antibody for bluetongue and epizootic haemorrhagic disease, carried out on two occasions on samples of blood taken at the beginning of the isolation/quarantine period and at least 28 days later, on …… (dd/mm/yyyy) and on …… (dd/mm/yyyy), the second of which must have been taken within 10 days before export;~~]

(2) ~~*or*~~ [~~(d) has not been free for 24 months from bluetongue, and the animals have been vaccinated with an inactive vaccine, at least 60 days before the date of dispatch to the Union, against all bluetongue serotype/s ….. (insert serotype/s) which are those present in the source population as demonstrated through a surveillance programme~~ (9) ~~in an area with a 150 km radius around the holding(s) of origin described under box reference I.11., and the animals are still within the immunity period of time guaranteed in the specifications of the vaccine;~~]

(2)(10) ~~*or*~~ [~~(d) is seasonally free of bluetongue and the animals have been kept during the seasonally free period in the seasonally free territory since birth or for at least 60 days prior to shipment;~~]

(2)(10) ~~*or*~~ [~~(d) is seasonally free of bluetongue and the animals have been kept during the seasonally free period in the seasonally free territory for at least 28 days prior to shipment, and have reacted negatively to a serological test according to the OIE Manual for detection of antibodies for bluetongue, carried out at least 28 days after the start of the residence period;~~]

(2)(10) ~~*or*~~ [~~(d) is seasonally free of bluetongue and the animals have been kept during the seasonally free period in the seasonally free territory for at least 14 days prior to shipment, and have reacted negatively to a PCR test for bluetongue virus according to the OIE Manual, carried out at least 14 days after the start of the residency period;~~]

II.2.2. they have remained in the territory described under point II.2.1 since birth, or for at least the last six months before dispatch to the Union and without contact with imported cloven-hoofed animals for the last 30 days;

II.2.3. they have remained since birth or at least 40 days in the holding(s) described under box reference I.11 before dispatch:

(a) in and around which, in an area with a 150 km radius, there has been no case/outbreak of epizootic haemorrhagic disease during the previous 60 days, and

(b) in and around which, in an area with a 10 km radius, there has been no case/outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, Rift valley fever, bluetongue, peste des petits ruminants, sheep pox and goat pox, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia and vesicular stomatitis during the previous 40 days;

II.2.4. according to my knowledge and to the written declaration made by the owner, the animals:

(a) do not come from holdings, and have not been in contact with animals of a holding, in which the following diseases have been clinically detected:

(i) contagious agalactia of sheep or goats (*Mycoplasma agalactiae*, *Mycoplasma capricolum*, *Mycoplasma mycoides* var. *mycoides* large colony), within the last six months,

(ii) paratuberculosis and caseous lymphadenitis, within the last 12 months,

(iii) pulmonary adenomatosis, within the last three years, and

(iv) Maedi/Visna or caprine viral arthritis/encephalitis:

(2)~~either~~ [within the last three years,]

(2)~~or~~ [~~within the last 12 months, and all the infected animals were slaughtered and the remaining animals subsequently reacted negatively to two tests carried out at least six months apart,~~]

(b) are included in an official system for notification of these diseases, and

(c) have been free from clinical or other evidence of tuberculosis and brucellosis during the three years prior to export;

II.2.5. they are not animals to be killed under a national programme for the eradication of diseases, nor have they been vaccinated against the diseases referred to in point II.2.1.(a) and (b);

II.2.6. they originate:

(2)(3)~~either~~ [from the territory described under box reference I.8., which has been recognised as officially brucellosis-free;]

(2)~~or~~ [~~from the holding(s) described under box reference I.11., where, in respect of brucellosis (*Brucella melitensis*):~~

~~(a) all susceptible animals have been free from clinical or any signs of this disease for the last 12 months,~~

~~(b) a representative number of the domestic ovine and caprine animals over an age of six months are submitted each year to a serological test(4),~~]

(2)(5)~~either~~ [~~(c) all domestic ovine or caprine animals have not been vaccinated against this disease, save those vaccinated with Rev. 1 vaccine more than two years ago;~~

~~(d) the last two tests(6), separated by an interval of at least six months, carried out on …… (dd/mm/yyyy) and on …… (dd/mm/yyyy) on all domestic ovine and caprine animals over six months of age gave negative results, and~~]

(2)~~or~~ [~~(c) domestic ovine or caprine animals under the age of 7 months are vaccinated against this disease with Rev. 1 vaccine;~~

~~(d) the last two tests(6), separated by an interval of at least six months, carried out on …… (dd/mm/yyyy) and on …….. (dd/mm/yyyy) on all non-vaccinated domestic ovine and caprine animals over six months of age, and on …… (dd/mm/yyyy) and on …… (dd/mm/yyyy) on all vaccinated domestic ovine and caprine animals over 18 months of age gave negative results, and~~]

~~(e) there are only domestic ovine and caprine animals that fulfil at least the above conditions and requirements;~~

(2)[II.2.7. the uncastrated rams have been kept continuously during the previous 60 days in a holding where no case of contagious epididymitis (*Brucella ovis*) has been diagnosed in the last 12 months and, these rams have undergone during the previous 30 days a complement fixation test to detect contagious epididymitis with a result of less than 50 IU/ml;]

II.2.8. they have been kept continuously since birth in a country where the following conditions are fulfilled:

(a) classical scrapie is compulsorily notifiable;

(b) an awareness, surveillance and monitoring system for classical scrapie is in place;

(c) ovine and caprine animals affected with classical scrapie are killed and completely destroyed;

(d) the feeding to ovine and caprine animals of meat-and-bone meal or greaves of ruminant origin has been banned and effectively enforced in the whole country for a period of at least the last seven years, and

(2)*either* [II.2.8.1 they are animals intended for production and they are destined for a Member State other than those with a negligible risk status for classical scrapie approved in accordance with point 2.2 of Section A of Chapter A of Annex VIII to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, or other than those which are listed in point 3.2 of Section A of Chapter A of Annex VIII to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 as having an approved national scrapie control programme;]

(2)*or* [II.2.8.1 they are animals intended for breeding and they are destined for a Member State other than those with a negligible risk status for classical scrapie approved in accordance with point 2.2 of Section A of Chapter A of Annex VIII to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, or other than those which are listed in point 3.2 of Section A of Chapter A of Annex VIII to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 as having an approved national scrapie control programme and;

(2)*either* [they come from a holding or holdings that have complied with the requirements laid down in point 1.3 of Section A of Chapter A of Annex VIII to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001;]

(2)*or* [they are ovine animals of the ARR/ARR prion protein genotype and they come from a holding where no official movement restriction has been imposed due to BSE or classical scrapie during the last two years;]]

(2)*or* [II.2.8.1 they are destined for a Member State with a negligible risk status for classical scrapie approved in accordance with point 2.2 of Section A of Chapter A of Annex VIII to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, or for a Member State listed in point 3.2 of Section A of Chapter A of Annex VIII to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 as having an approved national scrapie control programme, and:

(2)*either* [they come from a holding or holdings that have complied with the requirements laid down in point 1.2 of Section A of Chapter A of Annex VIII to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001;]

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[(2)]*or* [they are ovine animals of the ARR/ARR prion protein genotype and they come from a holding where no official movement restriction has been imposed due to BSE or classical scrapie during the last two years;]]

II.2.9. they are/were[(2)] dispatched from their holding(s) of origin, without passing through any market,

[(2)]*either* [directly to the Union,]

[(2)]*or* [to the officially authorised assembly centre described under box reference I.13 situated within the territory described under point II.2.1.,]

and, until dispatched to the Union:

(a) they did not come in contact with other cloven-hoofed animals not complying with the health requirements as described in this certificate, and

(b) they were not at any place where, or around which within a 10 kms radius, during the previous 30 days there has been a case/outbreak of any of the diseases referred to in point II.2.1.;

II.2.10. any transport vehicles or containers in which they were loaded were cleaned and disinfected before loading with an officially authorised disinfectant;

II.2.11. they were examined by an official veterinarian within 24 hours of loading and showed no clinical sign of disease;

II.2.12. they have been loaded for dispatch to the Union on …….(dd/mm/yyyy)[(8)] in the means of transport described under box reference I.15 that were cleaned and disinfected before loading with an officially authorised disinfectant and so constructed that faeces, urine, litter or fodder could not flow or fall out of the vehicle or container during transportation.

II.3. Animal transport attestation

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify, that the animals described above have been treated before and at the time of loading in accordance with the relevant provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005, in particular as regards watering and feeding, and they are fit for the intended transport.

Notes

This certificate is meant for live domestic ovine animals (*Ovis aries*) and domestic caprine animals (*Capra hircus*) intended for breeding or production.

After importation the animals must be conveyed without delay to the holding of destination where they shall remain for a minimum period of 30 days before further movement outside the holding, except in the case of a dispatch to a slaughterhouse.

Part I:

— Box reference I.8.: Provide the code of territory as appearing in Part 1 of Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010.

— Box reference I.13.: The assembly centre, if any, must comply with the conditions for its approval, as laid down in Part 5 of Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010.

— Box reference I.15.: Registration number (railway wagons or container and lorries), flight number (aircraft) or name (ship) is to be provided. In case of unloading and reloading, the consignor must inform the BIP of entry into the Union.

— Box reference I.19.: Use the appropriate HS code: 01.04.10 or 01.04.20.

— Box reference I.23.: For containers or boxes, the container number and the seal number (if applicable) should be included.

— Box reference I.28.: *Identification system*: The animals must bear:

An individual number which permits tracing of their premises of origin. Specify the identification system (such as tag, tattoos, brand, chip, transponder) and the anatomic place used in the animal.

An ear tag that includes the ISO code of the exporting country. The individual number must permit tracing of their premises of origin.

Species: Select amongst '*Ovis aries*' and '*Capra hircus*', as appropriate.

Age: (months).

Sex: (M = male, F = female, C = castrated).

Part II:

(1) Code of the territory as it appears in Part 1 of Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010.

(2) Keep as appropriate.

(3) Only for a territory appearing with the entry "**V**" in column 6 of Part 1 of Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010.

(4) The representative number of animals to be tested for brucellosis must, for each holding, consist of:

all non-castrated male animals, which have not been vaccinated against brucellosis, over six months old,

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all non-castrated male animals, which have been vaccinated against brucellosis, over 18 months old,

all animals brought onto the holding since the previous tests, and

25% of females which are sexually mature, within a minimum of 50 females.

(5) This must be completed when the destination is a Member State or part of a Member State listed in one of the Annexes of Decision 93/52/EEC.

(6) In accordance with Part 6 of Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010.
Where more than one holding of origin is involved the date of the most recent test on each holding must be clearly indicated.

(7) Supplementary guarantees to be provided when required in column 5 “SG” of Part 1 of Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 with the entry “**A**”. Tests for Bluetongue and for Epizootic-haemorrhagic-disease in accordance with Part 6 of Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010.

(8) Date of loading. Imports of these animals shall not be allowed when the animals were loaded either prior to the date of authorisation for exportation to the Union of the third country, territory or part thereof referred to in boxes I.7. and I.8., or during a period where restrictive measures have been adopted by the Union against imports of these animals from this third country, territory or part thereof.

(9) Surveillance programme as laid down in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1266/2007 (OJ L 283, 27.10.2007, p. 37).

(10) Only for a territory appearing with entry **“XIII”** in column 6 of Part 1 of Annex I to regulation (EU) No 206/2010, indicating an official bluetongue seasonally free status. In accordance with the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, the seasonally free period is taken to conclude immediately if current climatic data or data from surveillance programme indicate an earlier resurgence of activity of adult *Culicoides.*

Official veterinarian

Name (in capital letters): Qualification and title:

Date: Signature:

Stamp:

ADDENDUM FOR TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS BY SEA

(To be completed and attached to the veterinary certificate when transport to the Union frontier includes, even for part of the journey, transportation by ship)

Declaration by the master of the ship:

I, the undersigned, master of ship (name: ..... …), declare that the animals referred to in the attached Veterinary Certificate No: ..... have remained on board the ship during the voyage from..... in New Zealand (exporting country) to ..... in the Union and that the ship did not call at any place outside New Zealand (exporting country) en route to the Union other than:

……

(Ports of call en route)

Moreover, during the journey, these animals have not been in contact with other animals on board of a lower health status.

Done at ..... on .....

(Port of arrival) (Date of arrival)

Signature of master: .....

Name in capital letters and title:.....

Stamp:

ADDENDUM FOR TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS BY AIR

(To be completed and attached to the veterinary certificate when transport to the Union frontier includes, even for part of the journey, transportation by air)

Declaration by the captain of the aircraft:

I, the undersigned, captain of the aircraft (name: .....), declare that the crate or container and the area around the crate or container containing the animals referred to in the attached Veterinary Certificate No: ..... has been sprayed with insecticide before departure.

Done at ..... on .....

(Airport of departure) (Date of departure)

Signature of captain: .....

Name in capital letters and title: .....

Stamp:

ADDENDUM FOR TRANSIT OF ANIMALS THROUGH A BLUETONGUE RESTRICTED ZONE IN THE EU (COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) NO. 1266/2007)

(To be completed and attached to the veterinary certificate when the animals will transit bluetongue restricted zones after arriving at the Union frontier and before arriving at the final destination as indicated on the attached veterinary certificate)

Declaration by the consignor of the animals:

I, (name: .....), the undersigned consignor of the animals referred to in the attached Veterinary Certificate No: ..... declare that they have been treated with ..... *(insert name of the product)*, an insecticide/repellent authorised in New Zealand, on ..... *(insert date)* in conformity with Commission Regulation (EC No 1266/2007).

Done at ..... on .....

Signature of consignor: .....

Name in capital letters and title: .....

EXPORT CERTIFICATION
(This is not part of the official certification)

COMMODITY: OVINE ANIMALS FOR BREEDING

DESTINATION: EUROPEAN UNION

NOTES: This certificate is based on the certificate Model OVI-X (Model of veterinary certificate for domestic ovine animals (*Ovis aries*) and domestic caprine animals (*Capra hircus*) intended for breeding and/or production after importation.) located in Part 2 of Annex I of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 206/2010 as amended by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 2017/384 of 2 March 2017. It replaces the certificate OVIANEC.EU-EN dated 11 April 2014.

1. No Import Permit is required

2. This certificate must:

   a. be drawn up in at least one official language of the Member State of destination and of the Member State where the border inspection post in Box I.16 is located.

   b. be made out to a single consignee.

   c. accompany the animals as the original.

3. Currently only ovine animals of the ARR/ARR prion protein genotype, as defined in Annex I to Decision 2002/1003/EC comply with the scrapie requirements of the European Union. Annex I to Decision 2002/1003/EC is appended.

4. The following points may be amended as applicable:

   II.2.7. Strikeout the complete paragraph if the consignment does not contain any uncastrated rams – see note 6
   II.2.8.1 Strikeout the complete options that do not apply – see note 7
   II.2.9. Strikeout one of the options provided – see note 8.

5. Point II.2.4.(b) should not be interpreted as an official notification system for these diseases must be in place. The EU merely expects that provisions exist so that the owner is informed if investigations (e.g. laboratory results, slaughter data) suggest that the mentioned diseases are in his/her herd.

6. While in Point II.2.6.: while the EU does officially consider New Zealand as being free from brucellosis for live animal exports, this is only for *Brucella abortus* and *B. melitensis*. Therefore testing of any uncastrated rams in the consignment for *B. ovis* as per II.2.7 is required.

7. As of July 2013 the following EU Member States are approved in accordance with point 2.2 of Section A of Chapter A of Annex VIII to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 as having a negligible risk status for classical scrapie, or are listed in point 3.2 of Section A of Chapter A of Annex VIII to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 as having an approved national scrapie control programme (refer to the options for Point II.2.8.1): Austria, Denmark, Finland and Sweden.

8. Assembly centres: Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 requires that where consignments of ungulates contain animals from more than one holding, they must be assembled in an assembly centre approved by the competent authority. The requirements for an assembly centre are detailed in Part 5 of Annex I of Regulation (EU) No 206/2010.

   For situations where a consignment is held in a single pre-export isolation (PEI) facility, this would be deemed to be a 'holding' for the purposes of Article 4, and would not be required to meet the conditions for an assembly centre. Where a consignment is made up of animals from more that one PEI facility, or from more than one holding where no PEI is required, the conditions of Article 4 would apply.

   EU Council Directive No 91/496/EEC defines a consignment as *a quantity of animals of the same species, covered by the same veterinary certificate or document, conveyed by the same means of transport and coming from the same third country or same part of such country*. Not withstanding this definition where a group of animals travelling together is, or is requested to be, covered by more than one certificate, this group is to be considered a single consignment if each of these certificates has identical entries for the consignor and consignee respectively.

9. Point II.2.9.(a) requires that animals intended for export do not come in contact with other cloven hoofed animals that are not of the same health status; therefore, all animals to be exported that require testing must be held in pre-

export isolation after the testing has been carried out.

10. Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 applies to exports of all live ungulates (except horses) to the Union. This article stipulates that:

"During the period after loading in the third country of origin and before arrival at the border inspection post of introduction into the Union, consignments of live animals shall not be:

(a) transported together with live animals that:
(i) are not intended for introduction into the Union; or
(ii) are of a lower health status."

11. Combined shipments of sheep destined for the EU and other animal species (e.g. horses) to the USA requires that the sheep also meet the USDA import health requirements.

12. Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 stipulates that:

"During the period after loading in the third country of origin and before arrival at the border inspection post of introduction into the Union, consignments of live animals shall not be:

(b) unloaded in, or when transported by air, moved to another aircraft, or transported by road, by rail or moved on foot through a third country, territory or part thereof which is not listed in columns 1, 2 and 3 of the table set out in Part 1 of Annex 1 or for which there is no model veterinary certificate corresponding to the consignment concerned listed in column 4 of the table in Part 1of Annex 1".

Therefore, animals to be exported to the EU are not allowed to be off-loaded and moved to another aircraft in countries that are not approved (currently the only approved countries/territories are Chile, Greenland, Croatia, Iceland, St Pierre/Miquelon and Canada).

13. The animals will be detained at the destination for 30 days and until released by the local veterinary office. Exporters must inform the border post of entry at least 24 hours in advance of arrival at the port and keep the relevant veterinary office informed for their information.

14. Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1266/2007 stipulates, with regards to bluetongue restricted zones, that:

"The transit of animals shall be allowed by the competent authority provided that animals being moved from an area outside a restricted zone through a restricted zone and the means in which they are transported are treated with authorised insecticides and/or repellents after adequate cleansing and disinfection at the place of loading and in any case prior to entry into the restricted zone;"

Where animals are exported to a destination outside a restricted zone but the Border Inspection Post (I.16. Entry BIP in EU) is in a restricted zone, the insecticide and/or repellent treatment may be applied prior to departure from New Zealand. This cannot be certified in the export certificate, but the addendum for transit of animals through a bluetongue restricted zone in the EU (Commission Regulation (EC) No 1266/2007) may be completed by the consignor and attached to the export certificate.

According to the scientific opinion of the EFSA, as published in the EFSA Journal, a number of insecticide treatments can reduce the transmission of bluetongue, including preparations containing the active ingredient 'Cypermethrin'. 'Cypermethrin is an active ingredient in a number of products which are authorised in New Zealand. The EFSA opinion, containing the comprehensive list of ingredients evaluated, can be found at the following website: http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/scdocs/doc/ahaw_op_ej735_bluetongue2008_en,3.pdf.

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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'.

ANNEX I of Commission Decision 2002/1003/EC

Definitions

1. The allele shall be defined by reference to the amino acids encoded by codons 136, 154 and 171 of the prion protein gene.

   Each allele shall be denoted by a three-letter code as outlined in the following table:

Allele	Amino acid encoded at position 136	Amino acid encoded at position 154	Amino acid encoded at position 171
ARR	Alanine	Arginine	Arginine
AHQ	Alanine	Histidine	Glutamine
ARH	Alanine	Arginine	Histidine
ARQ	Alanine	Arginine	Glutamine
VRQ	Valine	Arginine	Glutamine

2. The genotype shall be defined by the combination of two alleles. Where it is not possible to distinguish between the ARQ and ARH alleles, a collective term may be used to describe these two alleles.

3. A flock of high genetic merit shall be defined as:

   (a) a flock of pure-bred breeding sheep as defined in Council Directive 89/361/EEC concerning pure-bred breeding sheep and goats, or

   (b) any other flock of sheep which is recognised by the competent authority of the Member State to be of high importance in the marketing or production of breeding sheep and which the competent authority of the Member State wishes to include in the survey,

   of the same breed, kept on a single holding and/or under the responsibility of a single keeper. The definition shall include rams used for artificial insemination, but shall not include rams which are kept solely for the purpose of breeding with commercial ewes.