



Ovine Semen to Canada (Guidance)

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1 Purpose

- (1) This guidance document has been issued to accompany *Ovine Semen to Canada (OMAR)*. This guidance document should be read in conjunction with that OMAR dated 18 June 2019.

2 Specific guidance for the zoosanitary certificate

- (1) An official veterinarian means a veterinarian authorised by the Veterinary Administration of the country to perform animal health and/or public health inspections of commodities and, when appropriate, perform certification in conformity with the provisions of the chapter of the OIE *Code* pertaining to principles of certification. Veterinarians authorised or accredited under the Animal Products Act 1999 can be termed 'official veterinarians'.
- (2) With regard to clause 4.6 — Ovine semen which has been collected, processed and stored under the MPI Official Assurance Programme (OAP) is considered of equivalent health status for storage purposes. This is based on the management of caprine arthritis enteritis and *Brucella ovis* in the OAP, and New Zealand's freedom from Brucellosis (*B.melitensis* and *B.abortus*).

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