



Bovine Semen to Fiji (OMAR)

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TITLE

Animal Products Notice: Bovine Semen to Fiji (OMAR)

COMMENCEMENT

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 20 May 2020

REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- OMAR B BOVSEMEC.FIJ 17.12.03- BOVINE SEMEN to FIJI ISLANDS, dated 17th December 2003

ISSUING AUTHORITY

This Animal Products Notice is issued under sections 167(1) and 60(1) of the Animal Products Act 1999.

Dated at Wellington, 14 May 2020.

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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 Fiji.

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 Operational Codes, 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 Fiji 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 Competent Authority of Fiji. It is based on Fiji import requirements received August 2018.

Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of bovine semen to Fiji.

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

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 Fiji which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of Fiji, 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 bovine semen it clears for entry.

Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
20 May 2020	All sections	New OMAR

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 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.

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).

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

Part 1: Requirements

1.1 Application

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

1.2 Definitions

- (1) In this Notice, unless the context otherwise requires:

Act means the Animal Products Act 1999

- (2) A term in this Notice that is defined in the Act has the meaning given to it in the Act
- (3) 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](#)
 - c) [Animal Products Notice: Export Approved Premises.](#)

1.3 Requirements for export

- (1) Bovine semen exported from New Zealand to Fiji must be accompanied by an official assurance in the form of a zoosanitary certificate, a sample version of which is included 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 the bovine semen has been issued by the competent authority of Fiji.
 - b) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice

1.4 Specific requirements for the zoosanitary certificate

- (1) With regard to sub-clause 4.3.1, vaccinated must be interpreted as follows: On the basis of appropriate laboratory and vaccination evidence, the donor animal has been tested for IBR by serological ELISA or SNT with negative results and vaccinated **within 21 days** after taking the sample that gave the negative result, against IBR with an approved vaccine and in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, and re-vaccinated annually.
- (2) The donor animal(s) must not be a clone or the product of genetic engineering.
- (3) The semen was not stored with any biological material other than semen.

1.5 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.

Part 2: Zoosanitary Certificate



Certificate No:

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Species: BOVINE SEMEN

To: FIJI

Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND

Competent Authority: Ministry for Primary Industries

Import Permit Number:

I: INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DONOR BULLS AND SEMEN

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

Total number of straws:

II: ORIGIN OF THE SEMEN

Name, address and approval number of semen collection centre:

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Name and address of exporter:

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III: DESTINATION OF THE SEMEN

Name and address of consignee:

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Means of transport:

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 COUNTRY FREEDOM

- 1.1 New Zealand is free from bluetongue, brucellosis (*Brucella abortus*), Rinderpest, vesicular stomatitis, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, and Newcastle disease.
- 1.2 New Zealand is officially recognised free from foot and mouth disease (FMD), where vaccination is not practised, by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).

2 SEMEN COLLECTION CENTRE

- 2.1 The semen was collected, processed, and stored in a semen collection centre(s) approved by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries, under the direct supervision and sanitary control of centre veterinarian(s) approved by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries.

3 DONOR ANIMAL(S)

- 3.1 The donor animal(s) was isolated, or continuously resident on the semen collection centre, under veterinary supervision, for at least thirty (30) days prior to collection of the semen for export, and was not used for natural service during this time.

4. DONOR ANIMAL(S) TESTING

- 4.1 The donor animal(s) was tested with negative results for bovine tuberculosis, bovine genital campylobacteriosis (*Campylobacter fetus* subsp. *venerealis*), trichomonosis (*Trichomonas fetus*), and paratuberculosis, within the twelve (12) months prior to collection, **and** was tested at least once every twelve (12) months while resident on the semen collection centre.

4.2 Bovine viral diarrhoea (BVD):

- Either** *4.2.1 the donor animal(s) was tested, with negative results using either a virus isolation or ELISA (Ag) or PCR, prior to entry onto the semen collection centre; **and** was tested at least once every twelve (12) months while resident on the semen collection centre]
- Or** *4.2.2 an aliquot of each batch of semen for export was tested, with negative results, using a virus isolation or PCR]

* Delete as applicable

Certificate No:

4.3 Infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR):

Either *[4.3.1 the donor animal(s) was vaccinated for IBR, and an aliquot of semen was tested, with negative results, using a virus isolation or PCR test, within the twelve (12) months prior to collection of the semen]

Or *[4.3.2 the donor animal(s) was tested, with negative results, using either an ELISA or an SNT prior to entry onto the semen collection centre; **and** was tested at least once every twelve (12) months while resident on the semen collection centre]

Or *[4.3.3 the donor animal(s) was tested, with negative results, using either an ELISA or an SNT carried out at least twenty one (21) days after the last collection of the semen for export]

Or *[4.3.4 an aliquot of each batch of semen for export was tested, with negative results, using virus isolation or PCR]

* Delete as applicable

4.4 Enzootic bovine leukosis:

Either *[4.4.1 The donor animal(s) is less than two (2) years of age, and was produced by a dam which was tested, with negative results, using either an AGID or ELISA test after removal of the donor animal(s) from the dam; and since removal from the dam, the donor animal(s) has only been on premises where no case of EBL has been reported for at least two (2) years]

Or *[4.4.2 the donor animal(s) has been continuously resident on the semen collection centre, and has been tested, with negative results, using either an AGID or ELISA test on two (2) occasions, at least four (4) months apart, with the second test being within the twelve (12) months immediately prior to collection]

Or *[4.4.3 the donor animal(s) was tested, with negative results to two (2) serological tests, using either an AGID or ELISA carried out at least thirty (30) days prior to collection and at least ninety (90) days after the last collection of the semen for export to Fiji]

Or *[4.4.4 [an aliquot of not less than 0.5 ml of processed semen from the final collection of each donor animal(s), for this consignment, was tested, with negative results, by a virus isolation test or a PCR test]

* Delete as applicable

5. SEMEN COLLECTION AND STORAGE

5.1 The semen was collected, processed, and stored in accordance with the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code (OIE)* covering collection and processing of bovine semen.

5.2 Antibiotics were added to the semen diluent in accordance with the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code (OIE)*. The names and concentrations of antibiotics added are as follows:

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5.3 Only new or disinfected containers and fresh liquid nitrogen were used for storage of the semen.

6. TRANSPORT

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

Seal number:

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Signature of Official Veterinarian
Ministry for Primary Industries

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Official Stamp and Date

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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.