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Animal Products Notice

Goats to Fiji (OMAR)

GOAANI.FJ

Effective from 21 August 2019

Issued under the Animal Products Act 1999

New Zealand Government

TITLE

Animal Products Notice: Goats to Fiji (OMAR)

COMMENCEMENT

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 21 August 2019

REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- *SAGANI.FJ – Sheep and goats to Fiji dated 18 March 2016*

ISSUING AUTHORITY

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

Dated at Wellington, 20 August 2019

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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 goats 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 Codes of Practice, should be read in conjunction with this Notice.

This OMAR specifies the requirements that must be met by exporters of goats to be exported from New Zealand to Fiji and determines the form and content of the official assurance that must accompany the goats to be exported. The OMAR was issued after consultation with industry and the Fiji. It is based on an import permit for twenty (20) goats, issued to the Ministry of Agriculture Sigatoka Research Station on 5 July 2019.

Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of goats 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 goats meet 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 goats may comply with these requirements and be given an official assurance (by way of a certificate), the importing country ultimately retains control over what goats it clears for entry.

Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
21 August 2019	All sections	New OMAR format Goat specific import permit

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 the file *Goats to Fiji (Export Certificate)*. The export certificate is password-protected.

Part 1: Requirements

1.1 Application

(1) This Notice applies to the export of goats to be exported alive 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 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*.

1.3 Requirements for export

(1) Goats exported from New Zealand to Fiji must be accompanied by an official assurance in the form of a zoosanitary certificate as specified 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 goats has been issued by the competent authority of Fiji.
b) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice.

1.4 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

Commodity**:** GOATS

To**:** THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

Exporting Country**:** NEW ZEALAND

Competent Authority**:** MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Import Permit Number**:** .....

I: IDENTIFICATION OF THE ANIMALS

Identification	Species	Breed	Age	Sex

Total number of animals**:** .....

II: SOURCE OF THE ANIMALS

Name and address of the exporter**:** .....

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Name and address of premises of origin**:** .....

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Port / airport of departure: .....

III: DESTINATION OF THE ANIMALS

Name and address of the consignee**:** .....

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Means and identification of transport**:** .....

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Port / airport of destination: .....

IV: SANITARY INFORMATION

VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

I, ..., an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI), certify, after due enquiry in regard to the animals listed in this zoosanitary certificate, that:

1. PRELIMINARY REQUIREMENTS

1.1 The animals were born, and have been continuously resident, in New Zealand.

1.2 The animals have been vaccinated at least twice against *Clostridium tetani* (tetanus), *Clostridium perfringens* type D (enterotoxaemia or *Clostridium welchii* type D), *Clostridium chauvoei* (black leg) and *Clostridium septicum* (malignant oedema) in accordance with the vaccine manufacturers' recommendations.

1.3 In the case of an export by sea: No female goats in the consignment is more than 3 months pregnant.

1.4 In the case of an export by air: No female goats in the consignment is more than 115 days pregnant.

1.5 The animals are more than three (3) months old on the scheduled date of shipment.

2. PRE-EXPORT TESTING AND TREATMENT

2.1 With regard to caprine arthritis / encephalitis:

2.1.1 the animals showed no clinical signs of caprine arthritis / encephalitis on the day of certification; and

either *[2.1.2 the animals have been tested for caprine arthritis / encephalitis by an agar gel immunodiffusion test (AGID) or enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA), with negative results, during the thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date of shipment.

Test used: .....

Date of sampling: .....]

or *[2.1.3 caprine arthritis / encephalitis has not been clinically nor serologically diagnosed in the goats present in the flocks of origin during the three (3) years prior to the scheduled date of shipment]

(*delete as appropriate)

2.2 With regard to Johne's disease (paratuberculosis):

either *[2.2.1 no case of Johne's disease (paratuberculosis) has been diagnosed on the establishment(s) of origin of the animals for at least five (5) years prior to the scheduled date of shipment.]

or *[2.2.2 the animals have been tested for Johne's disease (paratuberculosis) by an enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA), with negative results, during the thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date of shipment.

Test used: .....

Date of sampling: .....]

Certificate No: ……

(*delete as appropriate)

2.3 All laboratory test results have been obtained from laboratories approved by MPI, and the animals' individual identification is included in the report.

2.4 The animals have been treated at least twice using a registered remedy effective against internal parasites. Both treatments have been administered within thirty (30) days of export, and at least fourteen (14) days apart. The second treatment was administered within seventy two (72) hours prior to the scheduled date of shipment.

Name(s) of product(s): .....

Active ingredient(s): .....

Dosage rate(s): .....

Dates of treatments: .....

2.5 The animals have been treated at least twice using a remedy effective against external parasites. Both treatments have been administered within thirty (30) days of export, and at least fourteen (14) days apart. The second treatment was administered within seventy two (72) hours prior to the scheduled date of shipment.

Name(s) of product(s): .....

Active ingredient(s): .....

Dosage rate(s): .....

Dates of treatments: .....

3. PRE-SHIPMENT EXAMINATION AND TRANSPORTATION

3.1 The animals have been examined within seventy two (72) hours of the scheduled date of shipment and found to be free from evidence of infectious diseases, visibly free from external parasites, and fit to travel.

3.2 The animals have been transported to the port/airport in vehicles that had been cleaned and disinfected prior to the loading.

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Signature of Official Veterinarian

Official Stamp and Date

New Zealand Government

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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.