

Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999

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

Ref: AE-FJ-24L / AE-FJ-11L

Date: 18 March 2016

SAGANL.FJ – SHEEP AND GOATS TO FIJI DATED 18 MARCH 2016

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 sheep and goats to Fiji SAGANL.FJ dated 18 March 2016;
- (ii) the revocation and replacement of SAGANIEC.FJ – sheep and goats to Fiji dated 5 August 2013;
- (iii) the determination under section 62(1) of the format and content of the official assurance for sheep and goats to Fiji.

This notice takes effect from the 18th of March 2016.

Dated at Wellington this 18th day of March 2016.

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

2. Fiji requirements

Sheep and goats exported from New Zealand to the Republic of Fiji 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 sheep and goats do not satisfy the conditions in the notice. Likewise, if the sheep and goats do not satisfy the zoosanitary requirements in the certificate, then the certificate will not be certified.



Certificate No:

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Commodity: SHEEP AND 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:

Name and address of premises of origin:

III: DESTINATION OF THE ANIMALS

Name and address of the consignee:

Means and identification of transport:

IV: SANITARY INFORMATION

VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

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

1. COUNTRY FREEDOM

- 1.1 New Zealand has been free of *Brucella abortus*, *Brucella melitensis*, classical scrapie, contagious agalactia, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, foot and mouth disease, goat pox, sheep scab (*Psoroptes ovis*), Maedi-visna (progressive ovine pneumonia), ovine pulmonary adenomatosis, sheep pox and theileriosis for at least twelve (12) months prior to the scheduled date of shipment.
- 1.2 No case of hydatidosis has been recorded in New Zealand since 2000.

2. PRELIMINARY REQUIREMENTS

- *[2.1 In the case of goats, no case of caprine arthritis / encephalitis or caprine herpes virus (CpHV-1) 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.]
- (*delete as appropriate)
- *[2.2 In the case of sheep and long haired goats, the animals intended for export were shorn within twenty eight (28) days prior to the scheduled date of export.]
- (*delete as appropriate)
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 The animals intended for export 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.

3. PRE-EXPORT TESTING AND TREATMENT

- *[3.1 In the case of goats, the animals intended for export were tested for caprine arthritis / encephalitis, with negative results, during the twenty eight (28) days prior to the scheduled date of shipment.]
- (*delete as appropriate)
- *[3.2 In the case of goats, the animals intended for export were tested for caprine herpes virus (CpHV – 1), with negative results, during the twenty eight (28) days prior to the scheduled date of shipment.]
- (*delete as appropriate)
- *[3.3 In the case of sheep, the animals intended for export:
- either* * [3.3.1 are virgin ewes or ewes that have only been mated by rams that have been tested for ovine brucellosis (*Brucella ovis*), with negative results, within thirty (30) days prior to contact with the ewes.]

or *[3.3.2 have been individually tested for ovine brucellosis (*Brucella ovis*) within thirty (30) days prior to export, with negative results.]]

(*delete as appropriate)

3.4 The diagnostic testing was carried out at government approved laboratories.

3.5 Within seven (7) days of the scheduled date of shipment the animals intended for export were treated for internal parasites using a registered remedy effective against nematodes (round worms and hookworms, including lung worm), trematodes (flukes) and cestodes (tapeworms).

3.6 Within seventy two (72) hours of the scheduled date of shipment the animals intended for export were treated for external parasites using an officially approved remedy effective against ticks and lice.

Name and active ingredient:.....

4. PRE-SHIPMENT EXAMINATION

4.1 The animals intended for export have been examined within seven (7) days of the scheduled date of shipment and found to be clinically healthy, free from evidence of foot rot infection and visibly free from external parasites.

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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.

EXPORT CERTIFICATION

(This is not part of the official certification)

COMMODITY: SHEEP AND GOATS

COUNTRY: THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

NOTES: This export certificate is based on an import permit 13LV/13 issued by the Biosecurity Authority of Fiji (BAF) dated 11 March 2013. The certificate was amended in February 2016 following discussions with BAF to include certification for Johne's disease and clarify the definition of Theileriosis as used in the certificate. The certificate was agreed to by Fiji on 2 March 2016.

1. An Import Permit is required.
2. With regard to Clause 1.1, New Zealand is free of theileriosis as defined by the OIE (a highly fatal disease in cattle and buffaloes caused by *Theileria parva* and *T. annulata*). BAF is aware of recent clinical disease associated with *Theileria orientalis* and this does not limit New Zealand's ability to certify the country freedom clause of this certificate.
3. With regard to the preliminary requirements (clauses 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 of the export certificate): these can be verified based on declarations made by the owners, persons in charge of the animals (PICA) and/or servicing veterinary clinics.
4. With regard to the provisions for ovine brucellosis (clause 3.3.1 of the export certificate):
 - a) the 'virgin' status of ewes at the time of export could be verified by means of age (not sexually mature), declarations (owners, PICA) and/or a pregnancy test for a statistically appropriate sample of animals from each group.
 - b) where the ewes have been mated by rams that have been tested for ovine brucellosis (*Brucella ovis*) with negative results within 30 days prior to contact with the ewes; the testing of the rams should comply with Code of Practice recommendations (i.e. sampling to be supervised by a recognised agency and testing performed at a recognised laboratory), and should be accompanied by declarations attesting to the virgin state of the ewes prior to contact with the tested rams and isolation of the animals subsequent to prevent contact with animals that do not meet this requirement.
5. With regard to Clause 3.1, the antibody ELISA test must be used.
6. With regard to Clause 3.2, there are no tests specifically validated for caprine herpes virus (CpHV-1) and it has been agreed with the BAF that the ab-ELISA test for bovine herpes virus 1 (infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/IBR) can be used.
7. With regard to Clause 3.3, when testing animals either the complement fixation test (CFT) or the antibody ELISA should be used.
8. The animals subjected to the tests required by Clause 3.1, 3.2 or 3.3 should be isolated from animals not tested from the time of the test.
9. Where the export certificate has provisions for the deletion of appropriate clauses (clauses 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.3.1 and 3.3.2):
 - a) all clauses not applicable to any animals in the consignment should be deleted by applying Strikeout to the text between the square brackets.
 - b) the species of an animal identifies the applicable clauses, where the clause applies to just sheep or goats.
 - c) where different options for 3.3 applies to different animals in the same consignment the applicable clause should be recorded against each animal to ensure that there is no ambiguity.

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'.