

Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999 – MAF Biosecurity New Zealand

Ref: AE-PF-22L

Date: 15 June 2010

OMAR B WORANIEC.FPL 15.06.10 – LIVE WORMS TO FRENCH POLYNESIA

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

(i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled live worms to the French Polynesia.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 27th day of July 2010.

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(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. French Polynesia Requirements

Live worms exported from New Zealand to French Polynesia must comply with the import requirements of French Polynesia listed in this notice as follows:

2.1 An Import Permit is required for the exportation of live worms to French Polynesia from New Zealand.

2.2 An Official Veterinarian authorised by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry must certify, after due enquiry, the following:

2.2.1 No species other than those listed in the export certificate are present in the consignment.

2.2.2 The worms have been maintained in a soil-free and pathogen-free substrate for at least 15 days prior to export.

2.2.3 The worms have been placed on a fresh soil-free and pathogen-free substrate prior to packaging for export.

2.2.4 Any ingredients of the substrate that are of plant origin comply with the import requirements for that material as set by French Polynesia.

2.2.5 The worms have been packaged in new and clean containers.

3. Definitions

For the purposes of this document:

Any term or expression that is defined in the Animal Products Act 1999 and used, but not defined in this document, has the same meaning as in this Act.

Explanatory note

These overseas market access requirements are based on the export certificate for live worms to French Polynesia, dated 15 June 2010.

**Additional Information on OMAR Notification: WORANIEC.FPL
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1. This OMAR is based on the draft health certificate received from the Department of Food Quality and Veterinary Services of French Polynesia on 1 June 2010. The certificate was approved by French Polynesia on 22 July 2010.
2. An Import Permit is required.
3. The total weight given in the identification section of the certificate is the weight of the actual consignment of worms including any substrate and not just the weight of the worms.
4. Clause 2.2.2 and 2.2.3: The substrate used during the last 15 days prior to export and during transport must be visibly free of soil and must be verifiably sterilised, as appropriate, to ensure it is pathogen free. Examples of acceptable substrate ingredients are shredded paper, pasteurised vegetables and drinking water.
5. Ingredients of the substrate that are of plant origin must comply with the requirements set by decree no. 740 CM of the 12th of July 1996 as amended, laying down a list of harmful organisms and of plants and plant products that may carry harmful organisms whose importation into French Polynesia is forbidden or regulated. These requirements will be set by application for additional Phytosanitary Import Permits for such ingredients. In an email received from the Department of Plant Protection of French Polynesia, (date 22 June 2010) uncontaminated corrugated cardboard meets these requirements and does not require any additional import permits or certification.

Section 61.A of the Animal Products Amendments Act 2005 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'