



# Canine and Feline Semen to Great Britain (OMAR)

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## **TITLE**

Animal Products Notice: Canine and Feline Semen to Great Britain (OMAR)

## **COMMENCEMENT**

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 29 August 2022

## **REVOCATION**

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- Canine and Feline Semen to Great Britain (OMAR) dated 26 November 2019

## **ISSUING AUTHORITY**

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

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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 canine and feline semen from New Zealand to Great Britain.

## 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 canine and feline semen to be exported from New Zealand to Great Britain and determines the form and content of the official assurance that must accompany the canine and feline semen to be exported. The OMAR was issued after consultation with industry and Great Britain. It is based on the *Import of Canine and Feline Semen Import Information Note (INN) CFS/1*, dated May 2022, for the General license, to import canine or feline semen from donors that are compliant with the conditions in *Retained EU Regulation 576/2013*.

## Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of canine and feline semen to Great Britain.

## 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 canine and feline semen meet the requirements for export to Great Britain which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of Great Britain, has determined will apply. It should be noted that although the canine and feline 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 canine and feline semen it clears for entry.

## Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
26 November 2019	All sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated requirements to match the <i>Specific Import licence RS15 (Rev.01/19)</i></li> <li>New OMAR format</li> </ul>
29 August 2022	All sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revocation of <i>Canine and Feline Semen to Great Britain (OMAR)</i> which supported the <i>Specific Import licence</i>, as the requirements have been updated, but no agreement for New Zealand to issue the supporting export certificate has yet been agreed.</li> <li>Great Britain has agreed to a supporting export certificate and requirements to facilitate the <i>General Import licence</i> to import canine or feline semen from donors that are compliant with the conditions in <i>Retained EU Regulation 576/2013</i>.</li> </ul>

## 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/export/animals/live-animals-including-livestock/requirement-documents-for-exporting-live-animals/>

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 *Canine and Feline Semen to Great Britain (Export Certificate)*. The export certificate is password-protected through a RealMe® account.

## Part 1: Requirements

### 1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to the export of canine and feline semen which has been issued with the *General Import Licence* to import canine or feline semen from donors that are compliant with the conditions in *Retained EU Regulation 576/2013*, from New Zealand to Great Britain.
- (2) Semen prepared under the *Specific License* to import canine or feline semen into Great Britain from donors that are not compliant with the conditions in *Retained EU Regulation 576/2013* are unable to export using this Animal Products Notice.
- (3) Great Britain being:
  - a) England, Wales and Scotland
  - b) The Channel Islands
  - c) Isle of Man
- (4) Northern Ireland is not part of Great Britain and under the Brexit Northern Ireland Protocol, Northern Ireland continues to apply European Union law and European Union requirements.
  - Exports of canine and feline semen to Northern Ireland are not included in this Animal Products Notice.

### 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.](#)

### 1.3 Requirements for export

- (1) Canine and feline semen exported from New Zealand to Great Britain 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 license to import the canine and feline semen has been issued by the competent authority of Great Britain.
  - b) The donor animal must be permanently identifiable by a transponder.
  - c) Immediately before the first collection of semen, the donor animal must be scanned for its microchip to check that the number on the microchip complies with the records held for the animal by the veterinary surgeon.
  - d) The premises where the semen is collected, processed and stored must be registered with the Ministry for Primary Industries.
  - e) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice.

## **1.4 Specific Requirements for the zoosanitary certificate**

- (1) The donor animal must have been identified with a transponder or a clearly readable tattoo before it can be vaccinated against rabies.
- (2) The semen must be consigned in sealed ampoules or straws; each ampoule or straw must be permanently identified and the identification mark of each noted on the export certificate.
- (3) The sealed ampoules or straws must be kept in a container which is unused or sterile and which does not contain other semen that does not meet the same standards.

## Part 2: Zoosanitary Certificate



Certificate No: .....

### NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

#### ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Commodity: CANINE AND FELINE SEMEN

To: GREAT BRITAIN

Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND

Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Import Permit Number: .....  
(General Licence)

#### I: IDENTIFICATION OF THE DONOR ANIMAL

Name	Species (scientific name)	Breed	Sex	Colour	Date of Birth	Microchip Number

#### III: ORIGIN OF THE SEMEN

Name and address of the owner of the donor animal: .....

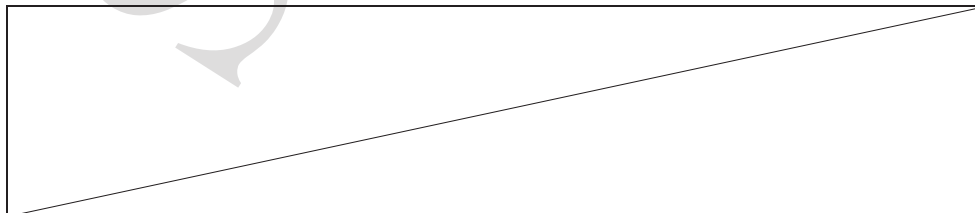
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Address of the premises where the semen was collected and processed: .....

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#### II: INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SEMEN

Date of collection of semen	Indelible identification of ampoules	Number of ampoules:





**III: SANITARY INFORMATION  
VETERINARY CERTIFICATE**

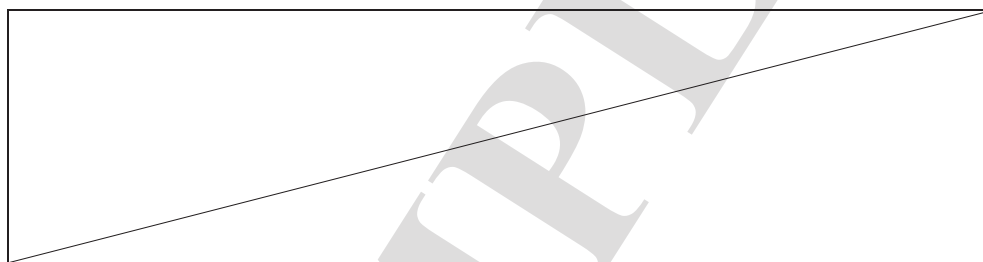
I, ....., being an Official Veterinarian authorised by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries, certify, after due enquiry with respect to the donor animal and semen identified in this Zoosanitary Certificate, that:

**1. ELIGIBILITY OF DONOR ANIMAL**

- 1.1 The donor animal complies with the import conditions of Regulation (EU) No. 576/2013 (with the exception of the treatment for *Echinococcus*) and is eligible to enter Great Britain under that Regulation at the time of semen collection.

**2. HEALTH STATUS OF THE DONOR ANIMAL**

- 2.1 Immediately before the first collection of semen, the donor animal was subjected to a veterinary examination and showed no clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease.



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Signature of Official Veterinarian  
New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

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Official Stamp and Date

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.....  
Name and Address

**Note: 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, all documents (e.g. laboratory reports) that form part of the extended health certification.**