



Horses Transshipping Hong Kong (OMAR)

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Animal Products Notice: Horses Transshipping Hong Kong (OMAR)

COMMENCEMENT

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REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- HORTMI.HK 25 MAY 2017 – HORSES FOR TRANSHIPPING VIA HONG KONG

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 horses transshipping Hong Kong from New Zealand.

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 horses transshipping Hong Kong from New Zealand and determines the form and content of the official assurance that must accompany the horses transshipping Hong Kong. The OMAR was issued after consultation with industry and Hong Kong. It is based on the previous OMAR, the SPS notification: G/SPSN/HKG/46 effective from 20 April 2021 and feedback from industry and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department of Hong Kong.

Horses will need to meet any requirements for the final destination in addition to the requirements specified in this OMAR.

Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of horses transshipping Hong Kong.

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 horses meet the requirements to tranship Hong Kong which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of Hong Kong, has determined will apply. It should be noted that although the horses may comply with these requirements and be given an

official assurance (by way of a certificate), the importing country ultimately retains control over what horses it clears for entry.

Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
02 July 2021	All sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An amendment to the testing requirement for equine piroplasmiasis, which require two of the OIE manual recommended serological tests, the IFAT and cELISA to be carried out during pre-export isolation for horses to be transshipped via Hong Kong. • Minor grammatical edits • New OMAR format

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/omars/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 *Horses Transshipping Hong Kong (Export Certificate)*. The export certificate is password-protected.

Part 1: Requirements

1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to the transshipment of live horses from New Zealand via a port in Hong Kong en route to another country.
- (2) The official assurance specified in this notice can be issued in addition to an official assurance issued according to any requirements for an export to the final destination of the horses.

1.2 Definitions

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

Act means the Animal Products Act 1999

AFCD means Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department. This is the competent authority of Hong Kong in relation to the import and transshipment of horses.

cELISA means competitive enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay.

EI means equine influenza.

EVA means equine viral arteritis.

IFAT means immunofluorescent antibody test.

PEQ means premises which have been approved as meeting AFCD requirements for pre-export quarantine facilities.

Transshipment means the transfer of the horses between aircraft or vessels. The horses must remain within the customs controlled area of the port.

VS means vesicular stomatitis.

- (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) Horses exported from New Zealand and transshipping a port in Hong Kong 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 transshipment permit has been issued by the competent authority of Hong Kong.
 - 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.
- (2) Notwithstanding subclause (1), testing for equine influenza using one of the following tests is not required to be undertaken at a laboratory.
 - a) The Directigen Flu A or FluA+B test kit manufactured by Becton, Dickinson and Company USA (BD)
 - b) The BD Veritor FluA+B test kit
 - c) The ESPLINE Influenza A and B-N kit manufactured by Fujirebio Inc.

Part 2: Zoosanitary Certificate



Certificate No:

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Commodity: HORSES FOR TRANSSHIPPING

Via: HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND

Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Special Permit Number:

SECTION I IDENTIFICATION

This information can be contained in a separate schedule or further rows can be added as required. If the horses have been resident in different countries in the past 60 days for varying periods then only one horse per certificate is allowed. The horses must be on the same flight.

Name	Colour	Sex	Age	Breed	Microchip number and/or tattoo*	Passport Number*	Issuing/Validating Authority*

SECTION II ORIGIN, TRANSPORT AND DESTINATION

- (a) Name and address of exporter: _____
- (b) Name and address of consignor⁽⁶⁾: _____
- (c) Address of premises where the horse was examined: _____
- (d) By AIR/RAIL/ROAD/SEA*: _____
Indicate flight number, registration marks or registered name as appropriate
- (e) Name and address of consignee: _____

* Delete as appropriate

SECTION III MOVEMENT INFORMATION

I, _____, an Official Veterinarian authorised by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries⁽⁵⁾, certify, with respect to the animals identified, that:

- (a) The horses Permanent/Usual Residency⁽⁷⁾ is in the following country/region: _____.
- (b) This horse has been resident in the countries/region as listed below for the last 60 days prior to export according to the following sequence*:
- Country/Region: _____ Entry date: _____ Exit date: _____
 - Country/Region: _____ Entry date: _____ Exit date: _____
 - Country/Region: _____ Entry date: _____ Exit date: _____
 - Country/Region: _____ Entry date: _____ Exit date: _____
 - Country/Region: _____ Entry date: _____ Exit date: _____
- (c) All of the country/countries listed in SECTION III(a) & (b) are included in the list of Scheduled Countries⁽⁴⁾.

* Delete as appropriate

SECTION IV HEALTH INFORMATION

- (a) I have examined the horse identified in this certificate within 24 hours prior to export and found it to be free from clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease, free from external parasites and fit to travel.
- (b) The exporting country/region has either been African Horse Sickness (AHS) free for the last two years and vaccination against AHS has not been practiced for the last 12 months, or it has an officially recognised AHS Free Zone⁽⁹⁾. AHS is a notifiable disease in the exporting country/region. The horse has not been on any premises where AHS has occurred in the past 60 days and the horse has not been infected with AHS in the past 60 days.
- (c) The exporting country/region has been free from Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis and glanders for the last two years and the horse has not been vaccinated against Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis in the past 60 days.
- (d) During the 60 day period immediately preceding export or for the entire period that the horse has been resident in the exporting country/region (if less than 60 days residency), the horse was continuously resident on holdings which did not have any cases of the diseases listed below during that time and did not suffer from any of these diseases.

Anthrax**	Equine influenza	Scabies
Contagious equine metritis**	Equine piroplasmiasis	St. Louis encephalitis
Dourine**	Equine viral arteritis	Strangles (Streptococcus equi)
Eastern equine encephalomyelitis**	Glanders**	Surra
Epizootic lymphangitis	Hendra virus infection	Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis**
Equine ehrlichiosis	Horse mange	Vesicular stomatitis**
Equine encephalosis	Horse pox	Western equine encephalomyelitis**
Equine herpes virus (abortigenic and neurotropic) infection	Japanese encephalitis	
Equine infectious anaemia**	Nipah virus infection	

The diseases with a double asterisk (**) listed above are compulsorily notifiable in the exporting country/region.

Certificate No:

SECTION V TESTING AND VACCINATION INFORMATION OF THE HORSE ^(10&11)

- (a) Based on the certification and laboratory results provided:
- Blood samples have been taken from the horse within 21 days of export.
 - The following tests were performed with **negative** results (unless otherwise stated) in each case⁽¹¹⁾.
- (b) No vaccines have been administered to the horse within 7 days of export to Hong Kong.
- (c) The original or certified copies of all laboratory tests and vaccination certificates (if vaccinations are recorded in the horse's passport a certified copy of the relevant pages of the passport is **still required**) have been endorsed and **must be attached** to this certificate⁽⁸⁾.
- (d) All sections must be completed by inserting a tick ✓ in the appropriate box.

i.	African horse sickness	<input type="checkbox"/> The horse has not during the last 60 days been in any country in which African horse sickness (AHS) has been reported in the last 2 years and in which vaccination against AHS has been practiced in the last 12 months. OR <input type="checkbox"/> The horse originates from an official AHS free zone of a country, and an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) test has been carried out on two samples of blood taken with an interval of between 21 and 30 days on _____ ⁽¹²⁾ and _____ ⁽¹²⁾ , the second of which must be taken within 14 days of export either with negative result if it has not been vaccinated or with no increase in antibody titre if it has been vaccinated.
ii.	Dourine	<input type="checkbox"/> The horse has not, during the last 60 days, been in any country/region where dourine has been reported the last 12 months. OR <input type="checkbox"/> The complement fixation test (CFT) on _____ ⁽¹²⁾ .
iii.	Equine influenza testing	<input type="checkbox"/> Equine influenza has not been reported in the last 2 years and it is a compulsorily notifiable disease. OR For countries/region where equine influenza has been reported in the last 2 years or it is not a notifiable disease, a nasopharyngeal swab was collected from the horse within 48 hours prior to export and was subjected to the following test: <input type="checkbox"/> A polymerase chain reaction test for influenza A on _____ ⁽¹²⁾ . OR <input type="checkbox"/> The Directigen Flu A or Flu A+B test kit manufactured by Becton, Dickinson and Company USA (BD) on _____ ⁽¹²⁾ . OR <input type="checkbox"/> The BD Veritor Flu A+B test kit on _____ ⁽¹²⁾ . OR <input type="checkbox"/> The ESPLINE Influenza A and B-N kit manufactured by Fujirebio Inc. on _____ ⁽¹²⁾ . OR <input type="checkbox"/> Another test as approved by AFCD.

iv.	Equine infectious anaemia	<input type="checkbox"/> The immunodiffusion (Coggins) test on _____ ⁽¹²⁾ .
v.	Rabies	<input type="checkbox"/> The horse has not, during the last 60 days, been in any country/region where rabies has been reported the last 2 years. OR <input type="checkbox"/> During the 60 days prior to export, the horse has not been exposed to rabies nor been on any premises infected with rabies. The horse has either not been vaccinated against rabies or was vaccinated against rabies using an approved vaccine not less than 30 days and not more than 12 months prior to export.
vi.	Surra	<input type="checkbox"/> The horse has not, during the last 60 days, been in any country/region where surra has been reported the last 2 years. OR <input type="checkbox"/> The horse has been kept in vector protected facilities for 21 days prior to export and treated with an effective vector repellent/insecticide each time it left the facilities. A blood sample has been taken 7 days after the start of isolation on the _____ and tested using an antibody-detection ELISA and microhaematocrit centrifugation technique for surra.
vii.	Vesicular stomatitis	<input type="checkbox"/> The horse has not, during the last 60 days, been in any country/region where vesicular stomatitis has been reported the last 2 years. OR <input type="checkbox"/> During the 60 days prior to export the horse has only been present on premises further than 50 kilometres from a reported case of vesicular stomatitis in the last 12 months. The horse was tested for vesicular stomatitis with the virus neutralisation test (VNT) or an antigen ELISA on _____ ⁽¹²⁾ .
viii.	Western and Eastern equine encephalomyelitis	<input type="checkbox"/> The horse has not, during the last 60 days, been in any country/region where western and eastern equine encephalomyelitis has been reported the last 2 years. OR <input type="checkbox"/> The horse was vaccinated against Western and Eastern equine encephalomyelitis with inactivated vaccine on _____ within 6 months to 30 days prior to export. OR <input type="checkbox"/> The horse was kept in AFCD approved vector proof facilities for 21 days prior to export.

Certificate No:

(e) Pregnancy:

- ☐ The horse is not pregnant.
OR
☐ So far as can be determined the horse is less than 7 months pregnant.

(f) External parasite examination and treatment

- i. The horse was thoroughly examined for external parasites by either an Official Veterinary Officer or a designated veterinarian within 24 hours prior to export. A systematic approach was undertaken with close examination of ears, false nostrils, under body areas (axilla, inguinal, under mandible), perineum, mane and tail.
- ☐ No ticks were found.
OR
☐ Ticks were found and all horses in the premises were immediately treated with a parasiticide effective against ticks. Subsequent re-inspection established that ticks were no longer present.
- ii. The horse was treated with a broad spectrum parasiticide, licensed/registered for use on horses, capable of killing ticks and used according to the manufacturer's recommendations within 48 hours prior to export.

SECTION VI TRANSIT VIA AUSTRALIA**(a) [Transit:**

After due enquiry and to the best of my knowledge:

- (i) the horses for export will transit through the following country en route to Hong Kong

Country	Scheduled entry date	Scheduled exit date
Australia		

- (ii) Arrangements have been made by the exporter to prevent contact with animals not of the same certified health status during the transit via Australia.]*

*Delete VI (a) if not applicable

SECTION VII CERTIFICATION VALIDITY

This certification is valid for 72 hours prior to the scheduled export and until importation into Hong Kong. If a flight is delayed longer than 72 hours then re-certification is required.

Signature: _____ Official _____
 Date: _____ Stamp: _____
 Name of Official Veterinarian: _____
 Position: _____ Qualifications: _____
 Address: _____

 Tel. No.: _____ Fax: _____
 Email: _____
 Other contact details in event of an emergency outside normal working hours:

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.

Certificate No:

SECTION VIII TRANSPORT INFORMATION

[This section is to be certified either by the same Official Veterinarian who has certified the foregoing section or by an authorised transportation agent]

- (a) The vehicle for the transport of the horse to the port of exit was thoroughly cleaned and disinfected with an officially approved disinfectant and was treated with an officially approved insecticide to my satisfaction immediately prior to the loading of the animal.
- (b) During the transportation, after due enquiry and to the best of my knowledge the horse will have no contact with animals not of the same certified health status.
- (c) Procedures are in place to ensure that the containers that the horses will be transported in and loading facilities will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected prior to use.
- (d) The containers meet the design and species requirements recommendations of the International Air Transport Association.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Capacity _____ Company: _____

Address _____

Tel. No.: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

SECTION IX ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY THE CONSIGNOR OR HIS AUTHORISED AGENT

I _____ (name) hereby acknowledge the following:

- (a) In the event of the horse identified in SECTION I of this certificate, arriving in Hong Kong without the correct certification or in any other way not having met these requirements, the horse and any in-contact horse or equipment may be exported at the importer's expense or destroyed and disposed of at the importer's expense.
- (b) Transshipment will be scheduled to be no longer than 8 hours in Hong Kong.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Capacity _____ Company: _____

Address: _____

Tel. No.: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Other contact details in event of an emergency outside normal working hours:

Certificate No:

FOOTNOTES:

1. This horse export certificate is applicable for all transshipment of horse, including horses via Hong Kong to Macao and Mainland China by road and for horses shipped by unapproved carrier to Hong Kong.
2. Airlines/exporters/importers can apply to AFCD for approval to be exempt from a transshipment horse export certificate (i.e. only certification for the destination country will be required). This approval will be based on country of origin, transportation type, contingency plans and any other factors as determined by AFCD.
3. The language of the exporting/importing country(ies)/region may also be used providing that it appears below the English version on the same certification. In the event of any differences, the English version will prevail.
4. Scheduled countries/region for transshipment of horses via HK: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Peninsular Malaysia (currently suspended from transporting horses directly or indirectly to Hong Kong), Macao Special Administrative Region of People's Republic of China, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Qatar, the Republic of Ireland, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom (Great Britain & Northern Ireland) and the United States of America.
5. Competent Authority: The government authority of the exporting country/region, which is responsible to issue official certification for the export of horse.
6. The consignor or his authorised agent must complete the acknowledgement (SECTION IX) attached to this certificate.
7. Permanent/Usual Residency: The horse has been continuously resident in the exporting country/region for at least 60 days (or since birth if the horse is less than 3 months old) prior to the date of export.
8. Certified copies may be photocopies of the original documentation bearing the name, title, signature, date and official stamp of the Official Veterinarian issuing the onward certification.
9. An official African horse sickness free zone of a country, territory or part of a territory as designated by the AFCD.
10. All serological tests and vaccinations must be carried out in accordance with the latest version of the OIE Manual of Standards for Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines if OIE standards exist. The laboratory reports (or certified copies) for tests carried out must be attached to this certificate and officially endorsed by the certifying veterinarian. Proof of vaccinations must also be attached.
11. Blood samples must be sent to a laboratory approved by the veterinary authority of that country/region.
12. Enter date the blood sample was collected.