

**OVERSEAS MARKET ACCESS REQUIREMENTS NOTIFICATION -
ANIMAL PRODUCTS ACT 1999 – STANDARDS BRANCH, MINISTRY
OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY NEW ZEALAND**

Ref: AE-HK-09L

Date: 24 May 2012

OMAR B DOMSEMEC.HK 24.05.12 –CANINE SEMEN to HONG KONG

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled canine semen to Hong Kong

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington on this 8th day of June 2012.

Signed: Howard Pharo BVSc, MScTAD, MPP, MANZCVSc
Manager Import and Export Animals
Animal and Animal Products Directorate
Standards Branch
(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. Hong Kong requirements

Canine Semen exported from New Zealand to Hong Kong must comply with the import regulations of Hong Kong listed in this notice as follows:

2.1 An Import Permit is required to export canine semen to Hong Kong.

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. The donor dog has been continuously resident in New Zealand for the six (6) months prior to collection or since birth.

2.2.2. The donor dog has been examined at the time of semen collection by a veterinarian registered in New Zealand and showed no clinical evidence or symptoms of any infectious, contagious or venerably transmitted disease and has been found to be healthy.

2.2.3. For *Brucella canis*:

2.2.3.1 EITHER: Within thirty (30) days prior to semen collection the donor dog has been tested for *Brucella canis* by a serum agglutination test with negative results

2.2.3.2 OR: There has been no reported case of canine brucellosis in New Zealand during the two (2) years prior to the semen collection.

(To be deleted as appropriate)

2.2.4. For Leptospirosis:

2.2.4.1 EITHER: Within thirty (30) days prior to the semen collection, the donor dog has been tested for *Leptospira interrogans* serovar *canicola* by a serum agglutination test with negative results at less than 50% agglutination at a serum dilution of 1:100

2.2.4.2 OR: The donor dog has been vaccinated against *Leptospira interrogans* serovar *canicola* at least thirty (30) days prior to the semen collection.

(To be deleted as appropriate)

2.2.5. All test results are attached.

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

This OMAR is based on the new export certificate for canine semen to Hong Kong, dated 24 May 2012.

Additional Information for OMAR Notification: DOMSEMEC.HK 24.05.12

1. This OMAR is based on the Permit Terms for the Importation of Dog Semen from Group I Countries/Places from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department of Hong Kong. It was approved on 1 June 2012 by Dr Claudia Lin, Veterinary Officer - Import and Export Division, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

2. An Import Permit is required and can be obtained from:

Agricultural, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD)
Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices
303 Cheung Sha Wan Road
Kowloon
HONG KONG

For detailed information visit <http://www.afcd.gov.hk> or call +852 21507063 during office hours.

Import Permits are valid for 6 months and for one consignment only.

3. The export certificate is valid for 14 days from the date of the veterinarian's signature.
4. The original testing records or certified copies must be attached to the export certificate.
5. The importer must notify the Duty Officer of the Import and Export Section during office hours at least two (2) working days in advance of the scheduled time of arrival. For air freight call Airport Office phone: +852 21160175 or fax: +852 27698600; by sea call Border Office phone: +852 26734443 or fax +852 26525296. Failure to do so may result in a delay in the inspection and release of the semen.
6. The semen must be transported by the fastest and most direct route from New Zealand to Hong Kong as manifested cargo.
7. The semen of fighting dogs as listed in Schedule 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Regulation, Cap.167, such as Pit Bull Terrier, Dogo Argentino, Japanese Tosa and Fila Brasileiro and the semen of their crossbreeds must not be imported.
8. Failure to comply with the requirements as stipulated above, may render the semen to be detained and/or returned at the importer's expense or destroyed and disposed without compensation.

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'