



Dogs and Cats to Japan (OMAR)

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TITLE

Animal Products Notice: Dogs and Cats to Japan (OMAR)

COMMENCEMENT

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 9 May 2022

REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- OMAR B DOMANIEC.JPN 12.09.07 – CATS AND DOGS TO JAPAN

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 dogs and cats from New Zealand to Japan.

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 dogs and cats to be exported from New Zealand to Japan and determines the form and content of the official assurance that must accompany the dogs and cats to be exported. The OMAR was issued after consultation with industry and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan. It is based on the previous OMAR: *OMAR B DOMANIEC.JPN 12.09.07 – CATS AND DOGS TO JAPAN*.

Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of dogs and cats to Japan.

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 dogs and cats meet the requirements for export to Japan which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of Japan, has determined will apply. It should be noted that although the dogs and cats may comply with these requirements and be given an official assurance (by way of a certificate), the importing country ultimately retains control over what dogs and cats it clears for entry.

Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
09 May 2022	All sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New OMAR format • Removal of the Exporter/ Transporter Agency declaration from the official assurance • Minor grammatical and formatting edits

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-requirements/omars-for-live-animals-semen-and-embryos/>

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 *Dogs and Cats to Japan (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 dogs and cats from New Zealand to Japan.

1.2 Definitions

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

Act means the Animal Products Act 1999

Approval Number means the unique number issued by the competent authority of Japan to the exporter obtained at least 40 days in advance of the scheduled importation.

- (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) Dogs and cats exported from New Zealand to Japan 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) An approval number notification document to import the dogs and cats has been issued by the competent authority of Japan.
 - b) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice.

Part 2: Zoosanitary Certificate

Certificate No:

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES**ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE**

Commodity: DOGS AND CATS

To: JAPAN

From: NEW ZEALAND

Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Approval Number:

I: IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMAL

Species	Breed and description	Sex	Date of birth	Microchip No + Site of implantation	Type of microchip – ISO std or other + Type of reader	Date of implantation of microchip

II: SOURCE OF ANIMAL

Name and address of exporter:

Telephone/Fax:

Name and address of consignor (if different to above):

Telephone/Fax:

III: DESTINATION OF ANIMAL

Name and address of consignee:

Telephone/Fax:

Reason for exporting:

Personal / commercial pet / other purpose*

* Delete as appropriate

IV: SANITARY INFORMATION

I,, being an official veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries, certify, after due enquiry, and with respect to the animal identified in the zoosanitary certificate that:

- 1. The animal has been examined by a registered veterinarian of New Zealand within 48 hours of the scheduled date of export, and found to be free from any clinical signs of rabies and leptospirosis.
- 2. The microchip implanted in the animal has been read and corresponds with the number stated in this zoosanitary certificate.

*[3.1 The animal mentioned has been continuously resident in New Zealand since birth, or for at least 180 days immediately before shipment to Japan.]

OR:

*[3.2 The animal has been continuously resident in New Zealand since being directly imported from Japan.]

OR

*[3.3 The animal has not been continually resident in New Zealand since birth, or for at least 180 days immediately before shipment to Japan. (Describe the history for 180 days before shipment to Japan.)
 A country or region that the animal had been resident before entering the exporting country:
 Entry date:
 Past history before that (country and period, if applicable):

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*** Delete as appropriate**

- 4. There has been no case of rabies for at least two years prior to export in New Zealand.
- 5. The animal has been consigned in a container and sealed with: (optional - refer to notes)
 Container seal number:

Certificate No:

6. **Treatments:** (optional - refer to notes)

	Vaccinations	Treatment of external parasites	Treatment of internal parasites
Date of vaccination or treatment (year / month / day)			
Date of expiry*1 (year / month / day)		/	/
Kind of vaccination or active ingredient(s)			
Name and address of veterinarian			

*1 End of immunity calculated by reference to the validity period of the vaccine as stated on the manufacturer's data sheet

.....
 Signature of Official Veterinarian
 New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

.....
 Official Stamp and Date

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, sign, date and stamp each page of the documents (e.g. laboratory reports) that form part of the extended health certification.