

OVERSEAS MARKET ACCESS REQUIREMENTS NOTIFICATION - ANIMAL PRODUCTS ACT 1999 – BIOSECURITY NEW ZEALAND

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OMAR B SHESEMEC.JPN 27.11.06 - OVINE SEMEN to JAPAN

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999, I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled ovine semen to Japan.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 6th day of December 2006.

Signed: Karen Sparrow
Manager, Exports Group
Pre-Clearance
Biosecurity New Zealand
(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. Japan's Requirements

Ovine semen exported from New Zealand to Japan must comply with the import requirements of Japan listed in this notice as follows:

2.1 An official veterinary surgeon approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, for the supervision of the semen collection centre appointed to the semen centre must certify, after due inquiry, the following:

2.1.1. The ram from which the semen is collected has been resident in New Zealand for at least 6 months immediately prior to testing in clause 2.1.3 as below.

2.1.2. There has been no clinical, microbiological or serological evidence of contagious pustular dermatitis, Aujeszky's disease, Johne's disease, listeriosis, tuberculosis, campylobacteriosis, toxoplasmosis, blackleg and leptospirosis on the premises of origin

(including the place where the semen for export was collected) for at least 6 months immediately prior to pre-collection donor testing.

2.1.3 The donor ram has been tested for the following diseases **within 6 months prior to collection** of the semen, **and again not less than 40 days after collection**, with negative results in each case:

2.1.3.1 *Brucella ovis* using **either**:

2.1.3.1.1 the complement fixation test (CFT) (negative is < 25 IU)

or 2.1.3.1.2 or the tube agglutination test (negative at 1:50 IU/ml). Method of test and date of test.

2.1.3.2 Tuberculosis using the intradermal tuberculin test (negative according to New Zealand domestic standards). Date of test.

2.1.3.3 Johne's disease using either:

2.1.3.3.1 the delayed hypersensitivity test (DHT) using Johnin or Avian PPD and the CFT

or 2.1.3.3.2 the DHT **and** an AGID

or 2.1.3.3.3. a faecal culture. Method of test and date of test.

2.1.3.4 Leptospirosis using the agglutination-lysis test (*L. pomona*, *L. hardjo*, *L. icterohaemorrhagiae*, *L. canicola* and *L. grippityphosa*) (negative is < 50% agglutination at a serum dilution of 1:400). Date of test.

2.1.3.5 At the time of collection of the semen, the donor ram and all other animals on the Semen Collection Centre were free from clinical symptoms of any infectious diseases.

2.1.3.6 The diluent used for processing the semen for export to Japan has been free from agents of infectious animal diseases.

2.1.3.7 Ampoules or straws used for packing the semen have been marked with numbers, etc, each of the donor ram and the date of each collection as indicated on the front page of the Export Certificate.

2.2 An official veterinarian of New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry must certify, after due enquiry, the following:

2.2.1 New Zealand has been free from anaplasmosis of sheep, anthrax, bluetongue, *Brucella abortus*, *Brucella melitensis*, enzootic abortion of sheep, foot and mouth disease, haemorrhagic septicaemia, maedi-visna, melioidosis, peste des ruminants, piroplasmiasis of sheep, rabies, Rift Valley fever, rinderpest, scrapie and sheep pox, for 6 months before the collection of the semen for export to Japan.

2.2.2 The semen for export to Japan was collected and processed under the supervision of

an official veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry or a veterinarian approved by the New Zealand Government.

3. Revocations

SHESEMEC.JPN 05.10.01 – ovine semen to Japan is revoked and replaced by this OMAR notification.

4. 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 requirements for ovine semen to Japan dated 27 November 2006.

**Additional Information on OMAR Notification: SHESEMEC.JPN 27
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1. This OMAR replaces the previous one dated 5 October 2001.
2. The only amendment made was to remove the requirement for an import permit.
3. MAFF Japan's Animal Health Division approved the removal of testing for trichomoniasis and campylobacteriosis (fax dated 18 December 2000).

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.'