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COMMENCEMENT

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REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- OMAR B HORTEMEC.JPN 26.11.10 – HORSES (FOR TEMPORARY EXPORT FOR RACING) 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 horses (for temporary importation for racing) 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 horses (for temporary importation for racing) to be exported from New Zealand to Japan and determines the form and content of the official assurance that must accompany the horses (for temporary importation for racing) to be exported. The OMAR was issued after consultation with industry and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan.

Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of horses (for temporary importation for racing) 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 horses (for temporary importation for racing) 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 horses (for temporary importation for racing) 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 (for temporary importation for racing) it clears for entry.

Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
28 January 2022	All sections	• Recognition for New Zealand country freedom for equine infectious anaemia • Removal of testing for equine infectious anaemia • Addition of testing for equine piroplasmosis, using an ELISA and an IFAT test • 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-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 *Horses (for temporary importation for racing) 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 horses (for temporary importation for racing) from New Zealand to Japan.

1.2 Definitions

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

Act means the Animal Products Act 1999.

MAFF means Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

ELISA means competitive enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay.

IFAT means immunofluorescent antibody test.

PEI means premises which have been approved as meeting MAFF requirements for pre-export isolation facilities.

EI means equine influenza.

EVA means equine viral arteritis.

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 (for temporary importation for racing) 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) Horses transiting via Australia must be issued with the appropriate transit certificate.
b) The term "Name and address of consignee" must include both the importer's name and address and the physical property address in Japan.
c) No other animal (equine or cloven hoofed) other than the racehorse participating in international horse races and their training partner horses are to be loaded together with the horse(s) for temporary importation (for racing) to Japan.
d) No additional feed and or litter is to be provided at any port of call during the transportation of the exported racehorse.
e) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice.

1.4 Laboratories

(1) Where this Notice requires laboratory testing to be undertake, the testing must be done in laboratories operating in accordance with the Recognised Laboratory Programme (RLP) unless otherwise stated.

Part 2: Zoosanitary Certificate

Certificate No: ……

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Commodity: HORSES (FOR TEMPORARY IMPORTATION FOR RACING)

To: JAPAN

Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND

Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

I: IDENTIFICATION OF THE ANIMALS

Name	Breed	Age	Colour	Sex	Identification Microchip number or brand or silhouette

Total number of horses in the consignment:.....

Note: For each horse, an identification silhouette or a valid official passport must be attached to this certificate

II: SOURCE OF THE ANIMALS

Name and address of the exporter: .....

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Name and address of the premises of origin:.....

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Name and address of the pre-export isolation facilities:.....

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III: DESTINATION OF THE ANIMALS

Name and address of the consignee:.....

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Means and identification of transport:.....

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IV: SANITARY INFORMATION

VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

I, ... , an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries, certify, after due enquiry with respect to the horse(s) described in this Zoosanitary Certificate, that:

1. Country health status

1.1 New Zealand is free of the following diseases:

African horse sickness	contagious equine metritis
equine encephalomyelitis (Eastern equine encephalomyelitis, Western equine encephalomyelitis and Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis)	equine infectious anemia
equine paratyphoid (*Salmonella enterica* subs. *Enterica* serotype Abortusequi)	Equine trypanosomiasis (including dourine)
epizootic lymphangitis	glanders
horse pox	vesicular stomatitis

2. Premises of origin

2.1 During the sixty (60) days immediately prior to shipment for Japan there has been no clinical evidence of equine influenza, equine rhinopneumonitis and equine viral arteritis and equine piroplasmosis in the horse(s) to be exported.

2.2 During the sixty (60) days immediately prior to shipment to Japan there has been no clinical evidence of equine influenza, equine rhinopneumonitis, equine viral arteritis and equine piroplasmosis in any horse on the premises of origin of the horse(s) to be exported, nor in any horse on all premises the horse(s) to be exported has visited during this period.

3. Pre-export testing and vaccination status

3.1 Within thirty (30) days immediately prior to shipment to Japan, the horse(s) was tested for equine viral arteritis with a negative result using the virus neutralisation test

Date of sampling: .....

Date of testing: .....

3.2 Within thirty (30) days immediately prior to shipment to Japan, the horse(s) was tested for equine piroplasmosis, with a negative result, using a competitive enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (cELISA) test and an indirect fluorescent antibody test (IFAT).

Date of cELISA sampling: .....

Date of cELSIA testing: .....

Date of IFAT sampling:.....

Date of IFAT testing: ……

3.3 After examination of the official passport or other relevant documents, I am satisfied the horse(s) was vaccinated against equine influenza within one (1) year immediately prior to shipment to Japan, using a vaccine approved for use in horses exported from New Zealand:

either [3.3.1 twice at an interval of four (4) to six (6) weeks, being a primary vaccination course;]*

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Certificate No: ……

or [3.3.2 once, as a booster to a previously confirmed vaccination course.]*

Date of vaccination	Name and manufacturer of vaccine
(1)	.....
(2)	.....

3.4 Other vaccination in addition to vaccination against equine influenza virus (section 3.3 above):

either [3.4.1 the horse(s) for export has not been vaccinated in the last year;]*

or [3.4.2 the horse(s) for export has been vaccinated in the last year with the following vaccines:] *

Vaccine:	Date: .....
.....	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....

*Delete as applicable

4. Transport

4.1 Horses arriving from areas distant to the port of embarkation have been transported and held on premises under conditions that comply with clause 2.2 of the section on Premises of Origin.

4.2 All containers and land vehicles used for the conveyance of the horse(s) to be exported from the premises of origin to the port of embarkation have been cleaned and fully disinfected with disinfectants approved by the government authority of New Zealand.

4.3 All containers and loading places on the aircraft that are used for conveyance of the horse(s) to be exported have been cleaned and fully disinfected with disinfectants approved by the government authority of New Zealand.

4.4 The horse(s) to be exported was examined prior to being loaded on the aircraft for shipment and found to be free from contagious and infectious diseases and in a fit condition to travel.

4.5 No other animals not of equivalent health status have been loaded on the aircraft together with the horse(s) to be exported to Japan, other than racehorses participating in international horse races and their training partner horses which are subject to similar export certification.

4.6 The owner(s)/exporter(s) has been instructed that no additional feed and/or bedding shall be procured at any port of intermediate call during the transportation of the horse(s) to Japan.

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Signature of the Official Veterinarian — Official Stamp and Date
New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

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Name and Address of Office (in block letters)

Note. The Official Veterinarian must sign, date and stamp each page of the veterinary certificate and, where applicable, all documents (e.g. laboratory reports) that form part of the extended health certification.

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