

# **Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999 – MAF Biosecurity New Zealand**

Ref: AE-MY13L

Date: 18 September 2008

## **OMAR B HORTEMEC.MAL 18.09.08 - HORSES FOR TEMPORARY EXPORT to WEST MALAYSIA**

### **1. Statutory authority**

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

(i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled horses for temporary export to West Malaysia

(ii) Revoke OMAR B HORTEMEC.MAL 27.10.04 – horses for temporary export to Malaysia.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 2008.

Signed: Rachelle Linwood  
Acting Group Manager  
Animal Imports and Exports Group  
Border Standards  
MAF Biosecurity New Zealand  
(pursuant to delegated authority)

### **2. West Malaysia Requirements**

Horses for temporary export from New Zealand to West Malaysia must comply with the import regulations of West Malaysia listed in this notice as follows.

2.1 An import permit is required for the exportation of horses for temporary export to West Malaysia.

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 New Zealand has been free from following diseases for the last 6 months prior to export:

|                                  |                                     |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| African horses sickness          | Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis |
| Eastern equine encephalomyelitis | Western equine encephalomyelitis    |
| Vesicular stomatitis             |                                     |

2.2.2 New Zealand has been free from glander for the last 2 years prior to export.

2.2.3 New Zealand has been free from following diseases for the last 12 months prior to export:

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Surra                     | Dourine                   |
| Equine infectious anaemia | Equine viral arteritis    |
| Equine piroplasmosis      | West Nile virus infection |
| Hendra virus infection    |                           |

2.2.4 New Zealand is free from Japanese B encephalitis.

2.2.5 The horse originated from an establishment, farm or premises where no case of the following diseases has occurred during the last three (3) months prior to export:

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Equine infectious anaemia       | Equine viral encephalomyelitis |
| West Nile virus                 | Horse pox                      |
| Scabies                         | Anthrax                        |
| Glanders                        | Dourine                        |
| Surra                           | Strangles                      |
| Epizootic lymphangitis          | Ulcerative lymphangitis        |
| Equine rhinopneumonitis (EHV-1) | Equine viral arteritis         |
| Equine piroplasmosis            | Equine influenza               |

or any other equine diseases notifiable in New Zealand.

2.2.6 The tests as specified on the export certificate were carried out in a laboratory approved by the Competent Veterinary Authority of New Zealand, using OIE prescribed methodologies (where applicable).

2.2.7 The horse was examined and found clinically free from ectoparasite infestation, and was treated with a broad-spectrum anthelmintic and tickicide within 30 days, but not less than 14 days, prior to export.

2.2.8 The horse has been vaccinated against equine influenza as below, in accordance with approved FEI Standards. (Vaccination for Japanese B encephalitis is exempted for countries certified free from Japanese B encephalitis). Name of vaccine, purpose and dates of vaccination to be recorded on the export certificate.

2.2.9 The official veterinarian has examined the horse and found it clinically free from any infectious or contagious disease, and fit to travel. Date of examination.

### **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***

*These overseas market access requirements are based on the Export Certificate for horses for temporary export to West Malaysia dated 18 September 2008.*

**Additional Information for OMAR Notification: HORTEMEC.MAL  
18.09.08**

1. This OMAR replaces the previous one dated 27 October 2004. It is based on the 'Veterinary Health Certificate for Temporary Importation of Horses into Malaysia', issued by the Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) in Malaysia. The certificate was approved by Dr Yahasmida Yaacob, Veterinary Officer, DVS, Malaysia.

The certificate was updated 22 August 2011 to include additional testing for Strangles following agreement with the Department of Veterinary Services.

2. Macrocyclic lactones are reported as being effective against ticks.

3. The Department of Veterinary Services require that the horse(s) must undergo two (2) nasal swabs for Strangles seven (7) days apart, with the second nasal swab taken within fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled date of export. The testing must include bacterial isolation, and a PCR test. Copies of the laboratory reports must be attached to the export certificate.

**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.'**