



## Bovine Semen to Uruguay (OMAR)

BOVSEM.UY-ES

Effective from 22 January 2020

## **TITLE**

Animal Products Notice: Bovine Semen to Uruguay (OMAR) name in use

## **COMMENCEMENT**

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 22 January 2020

## **REVOCATION**

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- BOVSEM.UY-ES – Bovine Semen to Uruguay, dated 5 November 2019

## **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 bovine semen from New Zealand to Uruguay.

## 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 Codes of Practice, should be read in conjunction with this Notice.

This OMAR specifies the requirements that must be met by exporters of bovine semen to be exported from New Zealand to Uruguay and determines the form and content of the official assurance that must accompany the bovine semen to be exported. The OMAR was issued after consultation with industry and the Ministry for Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries Ministry, Uruguay. It is based on MERCOSUR / GMC Resolution No. 49 of 2014.

## Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of bovine semen to Uruguay.

Operators of Export Approved Premises collecting bovine semen for export to Uruguay.

## 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 bovine semen meets the requirements for export to Uruguay which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of Uruguay, has determined will apply. It should be noted that although the bovine semen may comply with these requirements

and be given an official assurance (by way of a certificate), the importing country ultimately retains control over what bovine semen it clears for entry.

## Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
5 November 2019	All sections	Requirements in alignment with MERCOSUR / GMC Resolution No. 49 of 2014. New OMAR format
22 January 2020	1.4	Amended point (2) to clarify test recording requirement

## 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/law-and-policy/requirements/omars-overseas-market-access-requirements/omars-live-animals-semen-embryos-organics/>

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 *Bovine Semen to Uruguay (Export Certificate)*. The export certificate is password-protected.

## Part 1: Requirements

### 1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to the export of bovine semen from New Zealand to Uruguay.

### 1.2 Definitions

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

**Act** means the Animal Products Act 1999

- (2) A term in this Notice that is defined in the Act has the meaning given to it in the Act
- (3) 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) Bovine semen exported from New Zealand to Uruguay 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) A permit to import the bovine semen has been issued by the competent authority of Uruguay.
  - b) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice

### 1.4 Specific requirements for the zoosanitary certificate

- (1) Where semen is from multiple donors, an attached schedule must be used, and Table *I: Information Concerning the Donor Bulls and Semen* must be completed by entering the wording 'see attached schedule'.
- (2) For each donor animal, the applicable test type/sample dates must be recorded in a schedule which will form part of the extended zoosanitary certificate. In the case of annual testing, the test date which falls within the twelve months prior to or post collection of the semen for export should be recorded in the schedule.

### 1.5 Laboratories

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

## **Part 2: Zoosanitary Certificate**













