

OMARs with an uncertain status

These OMARs have not been used for a significant period of time. Therefore the requirements may have changed without the Ministry for Primary Industries knowledge.

If an exporter can provide the current import conditions, and the requirements still match, the certificate and the OMARs will be moved back into the published list of export certificates and OMAR's.

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

Ref: AE-TO 13L

Date: 03 April 2008

OMAR B HORANIEC.TON 03.04.08 – HORSES TO TONGA

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements entitled horses to Tonga.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington on this 16th May 2008

Signed: Karen Sparrow
Manager Exports
Border Standards
Biosecurity New Zealand
(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. Tonga Requirements

Horses exported from New Zealand to Tonga must comply with the import requirements of Tonga listed in this notice as follows:

2.1 An import permit is required for the exportation of horses to Tonga.

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 is free of African horse sickness, Borna disease, contagious equine metritis (CEM), dourine, epizootic lymphangitis, equine infectious anaemia, equine influenza, equine paratyphoid / salmonellosis (*Salmonella Abortus equi*), Getah virus infection, glanders, horse pox, equine piroplasmiasis, rabies, surra, trypanosomiasis, and vesicular stomatitis. New Zealand is also free of *Boophilus microplus* ticks.

2.2.2 Venezuelan, Western and Eastern equine encephalomyelitis, have not occurred in New Zealand during the 2 years immediately prior to shipment. Vaccination against these equine encephalomyelitis diseases is not permitted in animals destined for export to Tonga.

2.2.3 The horses for export have been continuously resident in New Zealand since birth, or for at least 6 months prior to the scheduled date of export.

2.2.4 During the 3 months prior to export, the horses have not suffered from or been exposed to, nor been in premises infected with equine viral rhinopneumonitis, equine viral arteritis, leptospirosis, mange, or any diseases of horses that are notifiable in New Zealand.

2.2.5 During the 21 days prior to export, the horses to be exported have not been in contact with any horses, except those of equivalent health status.

2.2.6 Within 48 hours of the scheduled date of export, each horse to be exported received a parasite treatment, using ivermectin (200 mcg/kg live weight).

2.2.7 Within 24 hours of the scheduled date of export, the horses to be exported were examined in daylight, and were found to be healthy and free from any clinical evidence of infectious or contagious disease, (including skin diseases, mange, and other external parasites), and fit to travel.

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 to Tonga dated 03 April 2008 which is based on the import requirements received from the Government of Tonga (as part of the application for a permit to import live animals /animal products). The certificate was approved by Otenili Pifeleti of the Livestock Division – MAF, Nuku'alofa, Tonga.

Additional Information on OMAR Notification: HORANIEC.TON 03.04.08

1. On arrival in Tonga, the animals will be subject to quarantine / veterinary checks.

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'.