OVERSEAS MARKET ACCESS REQUIREMENTS NOTIFICATION -ANIMAL PRODUCTS ACT 1999 – IMPORT AND EXPORT STANDARDS, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY NEW ZEALAND

Ref: AE-TN-09L **Date:** 16 May 2011

OMAR B DOMANIEC.TN 16.05.11 – DOGS and CATS to TUNISIA

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled dogs and cats to Tunisia.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 7th day of June 2011.

Signed: Matthew Stone BVSc MACVSc MVS (Epidemiology) Group Manager Animal Imports and Exports Import and Export Directorate Standards Branch Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (pursuant to delegated authority)

2. Tunisia requirements

Dogs and cats exported from New Zealand to Tunisia must comply with the import requirements of Tunisia listed in this notice as follows.

2.1 An Official Veterinarian authorised by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry must certify after due enquiry the following:

2.1.1 The animal(s) was vaccinated against rabies no more than six (6) months and at least thirty (30) days prior to export. Manufacturer, name of vaccine, batch number, vaccination date and validity recorded.

2.1.2 In the case of a dog, the dog does not belong to the following breeds: Pitbull, Rottweiler, Tosa or Mastiff breeds. Deleted as appropriate.

2.1.3 Within seventy two (72) hours of the scheduled date of export the animal(s) was:

2.1.3.1 examined and found to be clinically healthy, free of external parasites, and free of diseases communicable to humans

2.1.3.2 declared 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 current export certificate for the exportation of dogs and cats to Tunisia, dated 16 May 2011.

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- 1. This is a new OMAR. The export certificate was viewed by border officials, on 31 May 2011.
- 2. An Import Permit is NOT required.
- 3. The pet must be vaccinated for rabies no more than six (6) months and at least thirty (30) days prior to entering Tunisia.
- 4. The veterinary certificate must be accompanied with the pet's vaccination/inoculation record.

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'.