



# Dogs and Cats to British Virgin Islands (OMAR)

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## **TITLE**

Animal Products Notice: Dogs and Cats to British Virgin Islands (OMAR)

## **COMMENCEMENT**

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 25 August 2020

## **REVOCATION**

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- DOMANIEC.VG 19 AUGUST 2015 – DOGS AND CATS TO BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

## **ISSUING AUTHORITY**

This Animal Products Notice is issued under sections 167(1) and 60(1) of the Animal Products Act 1999.

Dated at Wellington, 17 August 2020

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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 dogs and cats from New Zealand to British Virgin Islands.

## 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 dogs and cats to be exported from New Zealand to British Virgin Islands and determines the form and content of the official assurance that must accompany the dogs and cats to be exported. The OMAR was issued after consultation with industry and the British Virgin Islands (BVI) Veterinary Authority. It is based on the previous OMAR, *DOMANIEC.VG 19 August 2015 – DOGS AND CATS TO BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS*.

## Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of dogs and cats to British Virgin Islands.

## 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 dogs and cats meet the requirements for export to British Virgin Islands which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of British Virgin Islands, has determined will apply. It should be noted that although the dogs and cats may comply with these requirements and be given an official assurance (by way of a certificate), the importing country ultimately retains control over what dogs and cats it clears for entry.

## Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
25 August 2020	All sections	New OMAR format New Official Assurance 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/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 *Dogs and Cats to British Virgin Islands (Export Certificate)*. The export certificate is password-protected.

## Part 1: Requirements

### 1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to the export of dogs and cats from New Zealand to British Virgin Islands.

### 1.2 Definitions

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

**Act** means the Animal Products Act 1999

**Broad Spectrum** means a product(s) which are registered in New Zealand as effective against internal parasites including roundworms and tapeworms, and external parasites including fleas and ticks.

- (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.*

### 1.3 Requirements for export

- (1) Dogs and cats exported from New Zealand to British Virgin Islands 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 dogs and cats has been issued by the competent authority of British Virgin Islands.
  - b) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice.

### 1.4 Specific requirements for the zoosanitary certificate

- (1) With regards to clause 6, the internal and external parasite treatment used must be broad spectrum.

## Part 2: Zoosanitary Certificate

### NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Certificate Number NZL2020/SAMPLE/0000

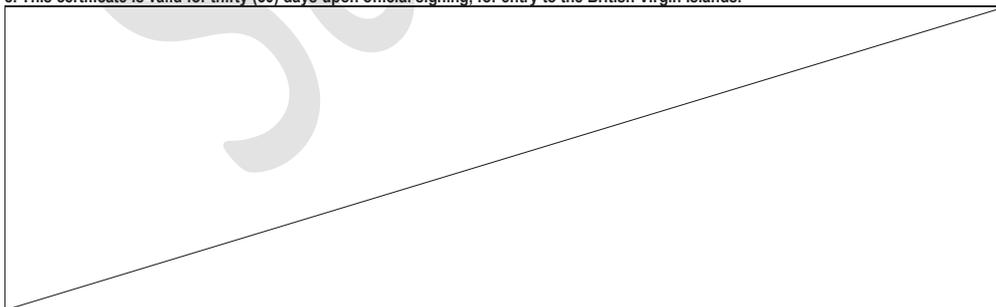
#### SANITARY CERTIFICATE FOR DOGS AND CATS TO BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

<b>Name and address of consignor:</b> <LICENCE> <consignor-name> <consignor-address> <consignor-city> <consignor-state> <consignor-country>		<b>Exporting Country:</b> New Zealand  <b>Competent Authority:</b> Ministry for Primary Industries  <b>Address of Owner:</b> <consignee-name> <consignee-address> <consignee-city> <consignee-postcode> <consignee-country>			
<b>Name and address of consignee:</b> <consignee-name> <consignee-address> <consignee-city> <consignee-postcode> <consignee-country>		<b>Means of Transport:</b> <mode>			
Item	Species	Breed / Colour	Sex	Date of birth	Microchip No
1					
2					

<b>Name:</b> Item 1 <name>, Item 2 <name>.	<b>Import Permit number:</b> <import permit number>
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The conditions, as stated below, apply to the live animals and/or germplasm described herein at the time of export from New Zealand. I, the undersigned Ministry for Primary Industries Official Veterinarian hereby certify that the animals listed above are unconditionally eligible for export to British Virgin Islands.

- The animal(s) has been implanted with a microchip.
- There has been no rabies among un-quarantined animals in New Zealand for the past twenty four (24) months.
- The animal(s) has been resident in New Zealand for at least six (6) months prior to the scheduled date of export.
- In the case of dog(s):
  - The dog(s) has been vaccinated against Canine Parvovirus, Distemper, Hepatitis/Adenovirus, Parainfluenza, and Leptospirosis.
- In the case of cat(s):
  - The cat(s) has been vaccinated against Panleukopenia, Feline Rhinotracheitis, Feline Calicivirus and Feline Leukemia.
- The animal(s) for export has been treated against internal and external parasites.
- The animal(s) for export is healthy and free from symptoms of infectious or contagious diseases.
- This certificate is valid for thirty (30) days upon official signing, for entry to the British Virgin Islands.



Done at

Seal

Signature of official veterinarian, New Zealand Government

On

Name, title and qualifications

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