

OVERSEAS MARKET ACCESS REQUIREMENTS NOTIFICATION - ANIMAL PRODUCTS ACT 1999

Regulation & Assurance Branch, Animal & Animal Products Directorate, Ministry for Primary Industries

Ref: AE-04-AU

Date: 28 December 2015

CAMALP.AU – CAMALIDS TO AUSTRALIA

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60, section 60A, section 62(1) and section 167 of the Animal Products Act 1999 I notify the following:

- (i) the issue under section 60 of the overseas market access requirements for Camalids to Australia CAMALP.AU dated 28 December 2015;
- (ii) the determination under section 62(1) of the format and content of the official assurance for Camalids to Australia.

This notice takes effect from the date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this day of December 2015.

Howard Pharo
Manager Import and Export Animals
Animal & Animal Products Directorate
Regulation & Assurance Branch
(acting under delegated authority)

2. Australia requirements

Camalids exported from New Zealand to Australia must be accompanied by an official assurance in the form of a completed zoosanitary certificate.

The zoosanitary certificate as specified below must be completed and certified, after due enquiry, by an Official Veterinarian of the Ministry for Primary Industries.

<p>Explanatory Note: If the zoosanitary certificate is not certified then the camalids do not satisfy the conditions in the notice. Likewise, if the camalids do not satisfy the zoosanitary requirements in the certificate, then the certificate will not be certified.</p>



Certificate No:

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Commodity: CAMELIDS
To: AUSTRALIA
Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND
Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES
Import Permit Number:

I: IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMALS

Microchip No	Location of Microchip	Species/ Description	Sex	Age

Total number of animals:

II: SOURCE OF ANIMALS

Name and address of exporter:
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Place of origin of animals:.....
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III: DESTINATION OF ANIMALS

Name and address of consignee:
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Means of transport:

IV: SANITARY INFORMATION

VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

I,..... being an Official Veterinarian authorised by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries, certify, after due enquiry, in regards to the animals listed in this zoosanitary certificate, that:

1. HERD OF ORIGIN

1.1 Immediately prior to pre-export quarantine (PEQ) the camelids were free from any quarantine restrictions.

1.2 Johne's disease (paratuberculosis):

The camelids for export were clearly identified as:

Either: 1.2.1 [originated from a herd which, prior to export, met the regulatory requirements of the Johne's disease zone of destination as defined in the Australian Johne's Disease Market Assurance Program for alpaca]*

Or: 1.2.2 [not assessed for Johne's disease.]*

**Delete as applicable*

2. BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS

2.1 During the 5 years immediately prior to export, the camelids have lived in *Tb vector-free areas* (as determined under the NZ national Tb pest management strategy).

2.2 Immediately prior to entering PEQ, the camelids resided in, and were only in contact with, herds (camelid, cervine, caprine or bovine) in which bovine tuberculosis had not been reported:

Either: 2.2.1 [since the establishment of the herd]*

Or 2.2.2 [during the 5 years immediately prior to export (ie *C5 herds* as defined in the NZ national Tb pest management strategy) and:]*

**Delete as applicable*

2.3 During PEQ, the camelids gave a negative result to a comparative tuberculin test using both avian and bovine tuberculin in accordance with the technique and interpretation approved for use under the NZ national Tb pest management strategy.

3. PRE EXPORT QUARANTINE (PEQ)

3.1 The camelids underwent PEQ for a minimum period of 10 days immediately prior to export, in premises approved by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) during which the camelids were isolated from all livestock not of equivalent status.

3.2 During PEQ, each animal was subjected to:

3.2.1 shearing

3.2.2 treatment with 5ml of a mixture of 50ml of ivermectin in 1 litre of normal saline solution instilled in each ear canal and

3.2.3 treatment with ivermectin injectable at 0.2 mg/kg subcutaneously

3.3 The camelids were individually identified by microchips that conform to International Standards Organisation (ISO) standards.

- 3.4 The camelids were inspected by an Official Veterinarian at the commencement of PEQ and were found to be free from signs of infectious or contagious diseases.
- 3.5 The camelids were examined by an Official Veterinarian within 24 hours prior to leaving the PEQ premises for the port of export and were found to be free from signs of infectious or contagious disease, free of evidence of external parasites and fit to travel. None of the animals had a pregnancy detectable by abdominal palpation.

4. TRANSPORT

- 4.1 The design of the containers, the recommended species requirements, the preparation for transport and the disinfection of the interior of the aircraft or vessel, removable equipment, penning and containers comply with the OIE *Code of Recommendations* and with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) *Live Animal Regulations*.

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 Signature of Official Veterinarian
 Ministry for Primary Industries

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 Official stamp and date

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 Name and Address

Note: The Official Veterinarian must sign, date and stamp each page of the veterinary certificate using a different colour ink to the paper and the print and, where applicable, all documents (e.g. laboratory reports) that form part of the extended health certification.

EXPORT CERTIFICATION

(This is not part of the official certification)

COMMODITY: Camelids

COUNTRY: Australia

NOTES: This export certificate replaces the previous version dated 26 October 2006. Testing for Johnne's disease has been removed as this is not an AQIS (Department of Agriculture) requirement but a State/Territory requirement.

1. An Import Permit is required.
2. The camelids must undergo pre-export quarantine (PEQ) in premises approved by MPI for a minimum period of 10 days immediately prior to export. During this period the camelids must remain isolated from all livestock not of equivalent health status and be tested and treated in accordance with the requirements of the present certificate.

The following additional notes are provided by the Australian Department of Agriculture:

3. An Import Permit is required and may be obtained from the Australian Department of Agriculture.
4. The importer or agent must Lodge a Quarantine Entry with the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.
5. Once a Quarantine Entry has been successfully lodged, an AIMS number (or an "Entry number") will be issued.
6. The importer or agent must make an appointment with the Department of Agriculture for inspection of goods and documentation. The importer or agent may be required to be present at this inspection. The consignment will be held by the Department of Agriculture until completion of inspection. Fees are payable to the Department of Agriculture for all services.
The inspecting Department of Agriculture officer must be advised of the "Entry number" prior to inspection.
7. One importer, as listed on the Import Permit, or nominated agent, must be accessible to Department of Agriculture officers and accept responsibility for ensuring that all import conditions are met including the Department of Agriculture inspection.
8. The requirements stipulated in the present certificate are the minimum requirements for importation into Australia. Different zones of Australia have different animal health status and State or Territory veterinary authorities may require further testing or certification for certain diseases before direct export into a specific zone or before movement from one zone to the other within Australia. The importer must check with the State veterinary authorities before entry or movement to a zone.

9. The design of the containers used to transport the animal(s) must comply with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animal Regulations.
10. The use of hay or straw as bedding during transport by air is not permitted; (treated wood shavings, sterilised peat and soft board may be used.)
11. At present camelids must be addressed and sent to the Australian Department of Agriculture at the port of arrival: - Department of Agriculture, Spotswood Animal Quarantine Facility, 3-47 Craig Street, Spotswood, Melbourne.
12. The camelids must be consigned directly to Australia by a route approved by the Department of Agriculture. They may be accompanied by other animals only with Department of Agriculture approval. Any transshipment requires prior Department of Agriculture approval.
13. The importer must notify the Department of Agriculture office in the state of import in writing at least three (3) working days prior to import. Notification must include:
 - i) Contact name and number for the importer
 - ii) Department of Agriculture Import Permit number
 - iii) Flight number
 - iv) Airway bill number
 - v) Date and estimated time of arrival
 - vi) List of animals being imported
 - vii) Nature and identification of means of transport
14. The camelids must be isolated at a Post Entry Quarantine facility which is approved by the Department of Agriculture for a minimum period of 7 days. At present Spotswood Quarantine facility in Melbourne may be contacted to arrange a booking. The following link will provide information and contact details for post arrival quarantine: <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/cats-dogs/quarantine-facilities-and-fees>.
Details to be provided to the quarantine facility include:
 - a. The import number
 - b. The date you are intending to import the alpacas
 - c. How many alpacas are to be imported
 - d. Flight details and time of time.
15. The camelids will remain in isolation until the results for Johne's disease are available and the consignment can be assigned a Johne's disease status.
16. In the event of a consignment arriving in Australia without the correct certification, or in any other way not having met the Department of Agriculture import conditions the consignment may be subjected to extended quarantine, returned to the country or origin or destroyed without recompense to the owner.

Section 61A 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'.