



Dogs and Cats to Norfolk Island (OMAR)

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TITLE

Animal Products Notice: Dogs and Cats to Norfolk Island (OMAR)

COMMENCEMENT

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 15 December 2022

REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- Dogs and Cats to Norfolk Island (OMAR), dated 22 June 2020

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 dogs and cats from New Zealand to Norfolk Island.

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 Norfolk Island 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 Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. It is based on the previous OMAR: Dogs and Cats to Norfolk Island, dated 22 June 2022.

Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of dogs and cats to Norfolk Island.

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 Norfolk Island which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of Australia, 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
22 June 2020	All sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New OMAR format. • New Official Assurance format.
15 December 2022	All sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated <i>Ehrlichia canis</i> testing requirement to reflect the change in status of the Australian mainland. If the dog being prepared for export to Norfolk Island, was previously imported into New Zealand from Australia, it will need to be tested for <i>Ehrlichia canis</i>. • Reversal of the Official Assurance format from the E-Cert format back to the standard format for live animal exports from New Zealand.

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/export-requirements/omars-for-live-animals-semen-and-embryos/>

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 Norfolk Island (Export Certificate)*. The export certificate is password-protected through a RealMe ® account.

Part 1: Requirements

1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to the export of dogs and cats from New Zealand to Norfolk Island.
- (2) In accordance with the Australian Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, dogs and cats derived from a domestic/non-domestic hybrid are not eligible for import into Norfolk Island.
 - a) For dogs, this includes:
 - Czechoslovakian wolfdog or Czechoslovakian Vlcak;
 - Saarloos wolfdog or Saarloos wolfhound;
 - Lupo Italiano or Italian wolfdog; and
 - Kunming wolfdog or Kunming dog.
 - b) For cats, this includes:
 - Savannah cat - domestic cat (*Felis catus*) crossed with serval cat (*Felis serval*);
 - Safari cat - domestic cat crossed with Geoffroy cat (*Oncifelis geoffroyi*);
 - Chausie - domestic cat crossed with Jungle cat (*Felis chaus*); and
 - Bengal cat - domestic cat crossed with Asian leopard cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*).
In certain circumstances the Department of the Environment and Energy may permit the import of Bengal cats that are five generations or more removed from their wild ancestor.
- (3) The following pure breed dogs cannot be imported:
 - Pit Bull Terrier or American Pit Bull;
 - Japanese Tosa;
 - Fila Brasileiro;
 - Dogo Argentino;
 - Perro de Preesa Canario; or
 - Presa Canario.

1.2 Definitions

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

Act means the Animal Products Act 1999.

IFAT means indirect fluorescent antibody test.

MAT means microscopic agglutination test.
- (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.](#)
 - b) [Animal Products Notice: Specifications for Laboratories.](#)

1.3 Requirements for export

- (1) Dogs and cats exported from New Zealand to Norfolk Island 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) A separate zoosanitary certificate is required for each animal.
- (4) In order to issue a zoosanitary certificate, the authorised person must be satisfied that:
- For dogs that require *Ehrlichia canis* and *Leishmania infantum* testing, the tests must be done only after the dog has been resident in New Zealand for a minimum of 21 days. The testing remains valid only if the dog is continuously resident in New Zealand from the sampling date until export to Australia.
 - Samples for *Ehrlichia canis*, *Leishmania infantum* and *Leptospirosis* testing must be sent to the Animal Health Laboratory.
 - For dogs that have previously resided in mainland Africa, the imidocarb treatment was either certified as being administered by an Official Veterinarian for the purposes of importation into New Zealand or was administered by a registered veterinarian in New Zealand. Where the dog was not treated in New Zealand, a copy of the certification of the treatment as in clause 4.4 must be endorsed (signed and dated) by a MPI Official Veterinarian and attached to this certificate.
 - Parasite treatment must be effective against internal (nematodes and cestodes) and external parasites (that kills ticks and fleas on contact) using drugs registered for that purpose in New Zealand.
 - The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice.

1.4 Specific requirements for the zoosanitary certificate

Table 1.4A

Clause in zoosanitary certificate	Type of testing	Condition on test
4.1	<i>Leptospira interrogans</i> serovar <i>icterohaemorrhagiae</i> (<i>L.icterohaemorrhagiae</i>)	Must use a microscopic agglutination test (MAT).
*4.2	<i>Ehrlichia canis</i>	Required only in the case of a dog which has not been continuously resident in New Zealand since birth. Must use an indirect fluorescent antibody test (IFAT).
*4.3	<i>Leishmania infantum</i>	Required only in the case of a dog which has not been continuously resident in New Zealand since birth, or since importation from Australia. Must use either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> an indirect fluorescent antibody test (IFAT); or an enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA).

1.5 Laboratories

- (1) Where this Notice requires laboratory testing to be undertaken for official purposes the testing, unless otherwise stated must be done in laboratories recognised by MPI for this testing.

Part 2: Zoosanitary certificate



Certificate No:

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Commodity: DOG AND CAT
 To: NORFOLK ISLAND
 Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND
 Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

I: IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMAL

Name	Species (Scientific name)	Breed	Colour	Sex (include neutering status)	Date of birth	Microchip Number

II: ORIGIN OF THE ANIMAL

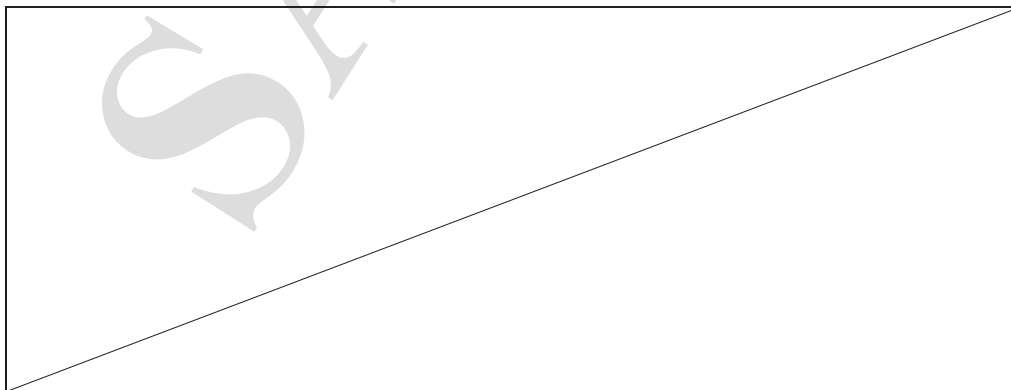
Name, address and unique identifier of the exporter:

III: DESTINATION OF THE ANIMAL

Name and address of the consignee:

Means and identification of transport:

Scheduled date of export:



IV: SANITARY INFORMATION**VETERINARY CERTIFICATE**

I,, being an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries, certify, after due enquiry in regard to the animal listed in this Zoosanitary Certificate, that

1. RESIDENCY

- 1.1 New Zealand is free from rabies.
- 1.2 No indigenously acquired cases of canine heartworm have been confirmed during the twelve (12) months prior to export.
- 1.3 Canine brucellosis (*Brucella canis*), leptospirosis (*Leptospira canicola*) and indigenous cases of, and established populations of competent vectors for canine ehrlichiosis (*Ehrlichia canis*) and leishmaniasis have not been confirmed in New Zealand during the twelve (12) months prior to export.
- 1.4 The animal has been continuously resident in New Zealand since birth, or for at least ninety (90) days free of quarantine restrictions immediately prior to the scheduled date of export.

2. HEALTH

- 2.1 The animal will be at least twelve (12) weeks old at the time of export.
- 2.2 The animal will not be more than forty (40) days pregnant, nor lactating at the time of export.
- 2.3 The animal is not a hybrid with a non-domesticated species, nor one of the following pure dog breeds: American Pit Bull Terrier or pit bull terrier, Japanese Tosa, Fila Brasileiro, Dogo Argentino, Perro de Presa Canario or Presa Canario.
- 2.3 Within five (5) days of the scheduled date of shipment, the animal was examined and found to be free from clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease and free from external parasites and fit to travel.

3. TREATMENTS

- 3.1 Within five (5) days of the scheduled date of shipment, the animal was treated with a registered broad-spectrum product that has been approved by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF); and is effective against endoparasites (including cestodes).
- 3.1.1 Internal parasite treatment:
Date of treatment:
Active ingredient(s) and dose rate:
- 3.2 Within five (5) days of the scheduled date of shipment, the animal was treated with a registered broad-spectrum product that has been approved by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF); and is effective against ectoparasites (including ticks and fleas on contact).
- 3.2.1 External parasite treatment:
Date of treatment:
Active ingredient(s) and dose rate:

***14. IN THE CASE OF A DOG**

- 4.1 The dog has been tested with a negative result, for *Leptospira interrogans* serovar *icterohaemorrhagiae* (*L. icterohaemorrhagiae*) using a microscopic agglutination test (MAT) on a blood sample collected within fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled date of export.
- 4.1.1 Date of sample collection:

Certificate No:

*[4.2 In the case of the dog which has not been continuously resident in New Zealand since birth, it has undergone the following testing after residing in New Zealand without quarantine restrictions for at least twenty-one (21) days:

4.2.1 The dog tested negative (at 1:40) to an indirect fluorescent antibody test (IFAT) for *Ehrlichia canis*.

Date of sample collection:

*[4.3 In the case of the dog which has not been continuously resident in New Zealand since birth, or since importation from Australia, it has undergone the following testing after residing in New Zealand without quarantine restrictions for at least twenty-one (21) days:

4.3.1 The dog tested negative to an indirect fluorescent antibody test (IFAT) or an enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) for *Leishmania infantum*

Date of sample collection:

Test used:

*[4.4 In the case of the dog that may have ever resided in mainland Africa, the dog has been treated for *Babesia canis* with imidocarb dipropionate with either one treatment at 7.5mg/kg bodyweight, or two treatments at 6mg/kg bodyweight at an interval of two (2) weeks.]

4.5 The dog has been fully vaccinated against canine distemper virus, canine parvovirus, and infectious canine hepatitis virus at least fourteen (14) days prior to export and the duration of immunity for these vaccines will be valid at the scheduled date of export.

Details of all current vaccinations:

Vaccine	Manufacturer	Date of Vaccination

*[5. **IN THE CASE OF A CAT**

5.1 The cat has been fully vaccinated against feline parvovirus (feline panleukopenia) at least fourteen (14) days prior to export and the duration of immunity for these vaccines will be valid at the scheduled date of export.

Details of current vaccination:

Vaccine	Manufacturer	Date of Vaccination

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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

NB: 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, sign, date and stamp each page of the documents (e.g. laboratory reports) that form part of the extended health certification.

* Delete statements which are not applicable