

OVERSEAS MARKET ACCESS REQUIREMENTS NOTIFICATION – ANIMAL PRODUCTS ACT 1999 – MAF BIOSECURITY NEW ZEALAND

Ref: AE-EC 05L

Date: 1 September 2009

OMAR B BOVSEMEC.ECU 01.09.09 - BOVINE SEMEN to ECUADOR

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

(i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled bovine semen to Ecuador

(ii) Revoke OMAR B BOVSEMEC.ECU 01.08.06.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 29th day of September 2009.

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(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. Ecuador Requirements

Bovine semen exported from New Zealand to Ecuador must comply with the import requirements of Ecuador 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, in regards to the donor animal and semen identified, the following requirements.

2.1.1 New Zealand is declared officially free before the OIE of Akabane, bluetongue, bovine brucellosis (*Brucella abortus* & *B. melitensis*), bovine spongiform encephalopathy,

contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, ephemeral fever, Ibaraki disease (epizootic haemorrhagic disease), foot-and-mouth disease (all types; without vaccination), lumpy skin disease, rinderpest and vesicular stomatitis, and this situation has been favourably evaluated by Ecuador.

2.1.2 Vaccination against these diseases is prohibited in New Zealand.

2.1.3 Lumpy skin disease is a notifiable disease in New Zealand.

2.1.4 The semen collection centre at which the semen for Ecuador was collected:

2.1.4.1 is approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry as having facilities suitable for collecting, processing and storing bovine semen in accordance with the relevant sections of the OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*, using the latest version at the time of semen collection and processing

2.1.4.2 is under the direct supervision and sanitary control of a centre veterinarian who is approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

2.1.4.3 is regularly inspected by an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

2.1.4.4 is physically isolated from other livestock farming establishments and takes biosecurity measures that assure the health status of the resident animals.

2.1.5 The donor animals were born and raised in New Zealand, or have lived in New Zealand for a period of 100 days prior to the commencement of semen collection, and during the entire collection period.

2.1.6 The donor animals admitted onto the semen collection centre originated from premises that were officially free of bovine tuberculosis.

2.1.7 The donor animals did not present any clinical signs of lumpy skin disease, rinderpest and bovine tuberculosis at the time of semen collection, nor during the twenty-eight (28) days following semen collection.

2.1.8 The donor animals have not been used for natural mating while resident on the semen collection centre.

2.1.9 The animals admitted onto the semen collection centre have completed pre-entry quarantine that complies with the requirements of the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, during which they were subjected, with negative results, to the routine diagnostic tests as required by the Official Assurance Programme: Requirements for Export of Live Animals and Germplasm (i.e. bovine tuberculosis, bovine viral diarrhoea/mucosal disease [BVD/MD], bovine genital campylobacteriosis [*Campylobacter fetus* subsp. *venerealis*], trichomonosis [*Trichomonas foetus*] and enzootic bovine leukosis).

For BVD/MD, the animals were tested using virus isolation or an antigen-capture ELISA.

2.1.10 The donor animals were maintained on a semen collection centre where all resident animals were officially free of bovine tuberculosis.

2.1.11 The donor animals were maintained on a semen collection centre where all resident animals were free of enzootic bovine leukosis and bovine viral diarrhoea/mucosal disease at the time of semen collection.

2.1.12 The donor animals were maintained on a semen collection centre where no case of bovine genital campylobacteriosis (*Campylobacter fetus* subsp. *venerealis*) and trichomonosis (*Trichomonas foetus*) has been reported during their residence.

2.1.13 The donor animals on the semen collection centre have been subjected to the testing programme outlined in this export certificate.

2.1.14 Within the twelve (12) months prior to the collection of semen for export to Ecuador, the donor animals were subjected to tests for the following diseases, with negative results in each case, or to vaccinations or treatments as appropriate:

2.1.14.1 Genital bovine campylobacteriosis (*Campylobacter fetus* subsp. *venerealis*), using culture of a preputial sample. Date of sampling. Test used.

2.1.14.2 Trichomonosis (*Trichomonas foetus*), using direct microscopic examination and culture of a preputial sample. Date of sampling.

2.1.14.3 Infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/infectious pustular vulvovaginitis (IBR/IPV):

2.1.14.3.1 Either the donor animals were maintained on a semen collection centre that was free of IBR/IPV at the time of semen collection

2.1.14.3.2 Or where the serological status of the donor animal is not know, or the donor animal is seropositive, each batch of semen for export was tested by virus isolation (using two [2] passages) or a PCR-based test. Date of sampling. Test used.

(To be deleted as appropriate)

2.1.15 The semen was collected, processed and stored in accordance with the relevant sections of the OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*.

2.1.16 Only new or previously cleaned and disinfected containers and fresh liquid nitrogen that had not been used before for other purposes were used for storage of the semen.

2.1.17 Prior to despatch, the shipping container was sealed with an official seal bearing the marks. Serial number of the container to be recorded on the export certificate.

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 bovine semen to Ecuador dated 1 September 2009.

**Additional Information for OMAR Notification: BOVSEMEC.ECU
01.09.09**

1. This OMAR replaces the one dated 1 August 2006. It is based on the Andean Resolution # 1130, downloaded from the AGROCALIDAD (ex SESA) website. The certificate was approved by AGROCALIDAD in a letter dated 22 September 2009; Reference No. 04299 ED/AGROCALIDAD.
2. An Import Permit is not required.
3. Regarding clause 2.1.11: the phrase “where all resident animals were free of bovine viral diarrhoea/mucosal disease’ should be interpreted as that, at the time of semen collection, all animals resident on the semen collection centre have been tested negative for BVD antigen (in other words, there were no persistently infected [BVD-antigen positive] animals on the centre.

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.'