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OVERSEAS MARKET ACCESS REQUIREMENTS NOTIFICATION

ANIMAL PRODUCTS ACT 1999

BIOSECURITY AUTHORITY

OMAR B BOVSEMEC.FIJ 17.12.03- BOVINE SEMEN to FIJI ISLANDS

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999, I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled bovine semen to Fiji Islands.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 17th day of December 2003.

Signed by Carolyn Hini
National Manager International Animal Trade
MAF Biosecurity Authority
(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. Fiji Island Requirements

Bovine semen exported from New Zealand to Fiji Islands must comply with the import requirements of Fiji Islands listed in this notice as follows:

2.1 An import permit is required for the exportation of bovine semen to Fiji Islands.

2.2 An official veterinarian of New Zealand must certify the following:

2.2.1 New Zealand is free from bluetongue, brucellosis (*Brucella abortus*) and foot and mouth disease

Vaccination against these diseases is prohibited in New Zealand.

2.2.2 The semen collection centre at which the semen was collected:

- 2.2.2.1 is approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
- 2.2.2.2 is under the direct supervision and sanitary control of a centre veterinarian who is approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
- 2.2.2.3 is routinely inspected by a veterinary officer approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.
- 2.2.3 The donor bulls were resident in the semen collection centre, under veterinary supervision, for at least 30 days prior to first collection of semen.
- 2.2.4 During the pre-collection period the donor bulls did not perform natural service.
- 2.2.5 The donor bulls were resident in the semen collection centre and were tested, with negative results, for the following diseases within the 12 month period prior to semen collection:
- 2.2.5.1 *Campylobacter fetus* subsp *venerealis* using culture examination of preputial washings
- 2.2.5.2 *Trichomonas fetus* using direct microscopic examination and culture examination of preputial washings
- 2.2.5.3 bovine tuberculosis using an intradermal test using bovine tuberculin
- 2.2.5.4 enzootic bovine leucosis using either the AGID test or ELISA.
- 2.2.5.5 infectious bovine rhinotracheitis virus using:
- 2.2.5.5.1 either an ELISA or SNT on serum
- 2.2.5.5.2 or semen from the donor bulls has been cultured or tested with a PCR.
- 2.2.6 Semen from the donor bulls has been cultured or tested with a PCR, with negative results, for infectious bovine rhinotracheitis virus in the previous 12 months.
- 2.2.7 Prior to entering the semen collection centre the donor bulls were tested, with negative results, for BVD virus using either an antigen ELISA, or PCR, or virus isolation.
- 2.2.8 The semen was processed, packaged and stored in accordance with the recommendations of the OIE *International Animal Health Code, mammals, birds and bees*.
- 2.2.9 Names and concentration of the antibiotics added to the diluent.
- 2.2.10 The shipping container is either new or disinfected. Product and concentration used for disinfection procedure.

2.2.11 Prior to export, the transportation flasks were sealed under veterinary supervision.

3. Revocations

OMAR B BOVSEMEC.FIJ 09.12.03 – bovine semen to Fiji Islands is revoked and replaced by this OMAR notification.

4. 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 import requirements provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forests, Suva, 5 December 2003.

Additional Information on OMAR Notification: BOVSEMEC.FIJ 17.12.03

1. An import permit is required.
2. The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry-approved semen centre veterinarian must provide the importing country with information on the fertility of the donor bulls.