

# **Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999 – MAF Biosecurity New Zealand**

Ref: AE-JP010

Date: 12 September 2007

## **OMAR B DOMANIEC.JPN 12.09.07 – CATS AND DOGS TO JAPAN**

### **1. Statutory authority**

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999, I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled cats and dogs to Japan.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2007.

Signed: Karen Sparrow  
Manager Exports  
Border Standards  
MAF Biosecurity New Zealand  
(pursuant to delegated authority)

### **2. Japan Requirements**

Cats and dogs exported from New Zealand to Japan must comply with the import requirements of Japan listed in this notice as follows:

2.1 An import permit is NOT required. But owners must notify the Animal Quarantine Service no later than 40 days prior to the scheduled date of export. They will provide a notification approval number that is required for completing the export certificate.

2.2 An official veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, must certify, after due enquiry the following:

2.2.1 The animal has been examined by a registered veterinarian of New Zealand within 48 hours of the scheduled date of export, and found to be free from any clinical signs of rabies and leptospirosis.

2.2.2 The microchip implanted in the animal has been read and corresponds with the number stated in the export certificate.

2.2.3 The animal mentioned in the export certificate has been continuously resident in New Zealand since birth, or for at least 180 days immediately before shipment to Japan\*

OR

2.2.4 The animal has been continuously resident in New Zealand since being directly imported from Japan\*

OR

2.2.5 The animal has not been continually resident in New Zealand since birth, or for at least 180 days immediately before shipment to Japan. (To describe history for 180 days before shipment to Japan on the export certificate.)\* A country or region that the animal had been resident before entering the exporting country, date of entry and past history before that (country and period, if applicable) must be specified on the export certificate.

(\*To be deleted as appropriate)

2.2.6 There has been no case of rabies for at least two years prior to export in New Zealand.

2.2.7 The animal has been consigned in a container and sealed with: **(optional - refer to notes page)**. If applicable, the container seal number must be recorded on the export certificate.

2.2.8 Treatments of external parasites and internal parasites **(optional - refer to notes page)**. If applicable, types of vaccinations, date of vaccination or treatment (year/month/day), date of expiry<sup>\*1</sup> (year/month/day) kind of vaccination or active ingredients and name and address of veterinarian must be specified on the export certificate.

<sup>\*1</sup> End of immunity calculated by reference to the validity period of the vaccine as stated on the manufacturer's data sheet.

2.2.9 The exporter/transport agency must declare that he/she understands that the animal is exported from a designated free region, is to be directly transported into Japan with no contact with other animals. Name of exporter or agent in charge of transportation/agency name must be specified on the export certificate

**AND**

2.2.10 Optional declaration for the animal transported via air route with transshipment\*:

2.2.10.1 **Note:** If this declaration is applicable, an animal quarantine or custom officer or an airline staff of the transshipped airport must certify that the animal has stayed within the airport during the transshipment at airport. Name of officer and the position, or airline staff and the company and name of the airport must be specified on the export certificate. Declaration date must be recorded on the export certificate.

(\*To be deleted as appropriate)

### **3. Revocations**

OMAR B DOMANIEC.JPN 03.03.05 - DOGS AND CATS to JAPAN 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***

*This OMAR is based on the export certificate dated 12 September 2007 based on the conditions provided in the WTO notification G/SPS/N/JPN/125 received by MAF on the 28th of August 2004. The formatting of this export certificate has been standardised.*

## **Additional Information on OMAR Notification: DOMANIEC.JPN 12.09.07**

1. This OMAR replaces the previous one dated 3 March 2005.
2. An import permit is NOT required.
3. One export certificate is required for each dog/cat.
4. Owners must notify the Animal Quarantine Service no later than 40 days prior to the scheduled date of export. They will provide a notification approval number document. This document must be provided to the Official Veterinarian at the time of export.
5. The animal must be identified with a microchip.
6. The cage must be sealed with an official MAF seal if the flight to Japan is not direct. For direct flights a seal is not required. If the animal passes through regions other than the designated rabies-free regions by land, both a container seal and additional documentation by the airline/ship company (annex) are required.
7. If the animal is transshipped, a container seal or an annex is required.
8. Standard vaccinations, external and internal parasite treatment are not required to enter Japan. However, Japan MAFF recommend that animals are fully vaccinated at least 30 days prior to arrival in Japan, and treated for internal/external parasites within 4 days prior to departure from New Zealand. Please refer to the Japan MAFF website for further details:  
<http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/english/animal/dog/index.html>
9. Dogs or cats previously exported from Japan that have been individually identified, will not have to remain in quarantine for longer than 12 hours if they are accompanied by the documents listed below:

**a. Dogs and cats from designated regions:**

A certificate, issued by a government agency in the exporting country, stating that said dog or cat has not contracted rabies or is not suspected to have contracted rabies.

**or**

**b. Dogs and cats from regions other than designated regions:**

A certificate issued by an Animal Quarantine Officer upon export from Japan stating that the said dog or cat has been given anti-rabies vaccination, and that the blood antibody value is at least 0.5 IU/ml, and indicating the blood sampling date is no more than 180 days before the date of import to Japan, or a copy thereof.

**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.'**