

**Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999 - Standards Branch, Animal and Animal Products Directorate, Ministry for Primary Industries**

Ref: AE-VU-09L

Date: 17 September 2012

**OMAR B DOMANIEC.VAN 17.09.12 – DOGS AND CATS to VANUATU**

**A. Statutory authority**

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

- (i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled dogs and cats to Vanuatu.
- (ii) Revoke OMAR B DOMANIEC.VAN 25.01.12.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 2012.

Signed: Howard Pharo BVSc, MScTAD, MPP, MANZCVSc  
Manager - Animal Import and Export  
Animals and Animal Products Directorate  
Standards Branch  
(pursuant to delegated authority)

**B. Vanuatu requirements**

Dogs and cats exported from New Zealand to Vanuatu must comply with the import regulations of Vanuatu listed in this notice as follows:

- (i) A Provisional Import Permit is required for the exportation of dogs and cats from New Zealand to Vanuatu.
- (ii) An Official Veterinarian of New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry must certify, after due enquiry, the following:

1. New Zealand is officially free from rabies and no case of rabies has been diagnosed in New Zealand in the five (5) years prior to the export of the animal described in the Zoosanitary Certificate.

2. The animal has resided in New Zealand for at least six (6) months prior to export, or since birth if less than six (6) months of age.
3. The animal for export is at least sixteen (16) weeks of age.
4. During the thirty (30) day period immediately preceding the date of export the animal has been free from symptoms of disease and has not been in contact with any animal displaying symptoms of disease.

**5.\* [In the case of a dog:**

5.1 Has been vaccinated against distemper, hepatitis and canine parvovirus infection. Date of vaccination to be noted.

**Either:** 5.1.1 this vaccination was given at least fourteen (14) days and not more than twelve (12) months before departure\*

**Or:** 5.1.2 in the case of puppies receiving a primary course the final vaccination must be given at twelve (12) weeks of age or older.\*

**Note:** The minimum period of fourteen (14) days does not apply in the case of revaccination against the diseases mentioned above, and the dog can be imported immediately. The previous vaccination history must be attached to the health certificate.

5.2 Treated for Hydatid tapeworm with praziquantel at a dose rate of 5 mg/kg within three (3) days of departure; Active ingredient and dose given to be noted. Date of treatment to be noted.

5.3 Treated with a broad spectrum anthelmintic within three (3) days of departure; Active ingredient and dose given to be noted. Date of treatment to be noted.

5.4 Treated for ectoparasites with a registered veterinary drug;

**Either:** 5.4.1 washed twice with an effective insecticide solution at a seven (7) day interval, the last being within three (3) days of departure\*

**Or:** 5.4.2 treated twice with an approved topical ectoparasiticide preparation effective against ticks, lice and fleas. The first treatment was given in the thirty (30) days prior to the date of departure and at least fourteen (14) days before the second treatment, and the second treatment was given in the three (3) days prior to the date of departure.\*

Active ingredient and dose given to be noted. Date(s) of treatment to be noted.

5.5 Is not a part or pure breed of any dogs which are prohibited entry into Vanuatu.]

**OR**

**6.\*[In the case of a cat:**

6.1 Was vaccinated against the following diseases:

6.1.1 feline enteritis (panleukopaenia) at least fourteen (14) days and not more than twelve (12) months before departure. Date to be noted.

6.1.2 feline viral rhinotracheitis and calicivirus at least fourteen (14) days and not more than twelve (12) months before departure. Date to be noted.

**Note:** The minimum period of fourteen (14) days does not apply in the case of revaccination against the diseases mentioned above, and the cat can be imported immediately. The previous vaccination history must be attached to the health certificate.

6.2 Treated with an anthelmintic effective against roundworms, hookworms, and whipworms within three (3) days of departure; Active ingredient and dose given to be noted. Date of treatment to be noted.

6.3 Treated for ectoparasites with a registered veterinary drug;

**Either:** 6.3.1 washed twice with an effective insecticide solution at a seven (7) day interval, the last being within three (3) days of departure\*

**Or:** 6.3.2 treated twice with an approved topical ectoparasiticide preparation effective against ticks, lice and fleas. The first treatment was given in the thirty (30) days prior to the date of departure and at least fourteen (14) days before the second treatment, and the second treatment was given in the three (3) days prior to the date of departure.\*Active ingredient and dose given to be noted. Date of treatment to be noted].

(\* To be deleted as appropriate)

7. The animal was examined within three (3) days of departure and found to be free of clinical signs of disease and free of all ectoparasites (especially ticks).

8. No bedding of plant or animal origin is accompanying this animal.

9. The animal is not more than six (6) weeks pregnant.

## **C. 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 export certificate for dogs and cats to Vanuatu, dated 17 September 2012.*

## **Additional Information on OMAR Notification: DOMANIEC.VAN 17.09.12**

This OMAR replaces that dated 25 January 2012. It was updated after new import conditions were received from the Department of Livestock and Quarantine. The major changes made were on ectoparasite treatment and declaration about dangerous breeds. The certificate dated 17 September 2012 was approved by Sina Moala, Principal Veterinary Officer, Department of Livestock & Quarantine, Vanuatu on 16 November 2012.

1. A Provisional Import Permit must be obtained from the:

Principal Veterinary Officer  
Vanuatu Livestock and Quarantine Department  
PMB 9095  
Port Vila  
Vanuatu

Phone: 00678-23-519

Fax: 00678-23-185

Email: [vqisvila@vanuatu.com.vu](mailto:vqisvila@vanuatu.com.vu)

2. A separate certificate must accompany each individual animal being exported.
3. The actual date of embarkation and the Airline/Flight number must be advised to the Principal Veterinary Officer at the above address, at the earliest opportunity and at least one (1) working day before embarkation.
4. Before unloading animals on arrival, the Provisional Import Permit and the documents required will be inspected by a Veterinary Officer of the Vanuatu Livestock and Quarantine Department.
5. The animals will be inspected and treated as necessary on arrival in Vanuatu by a Veterinary Officer and they may not leave the quarantine area of the airport until a Permit to Land (or Quarantine Order) has been issued.
6. The animal(s) must be transported in accordance with the Recommendations for Transport of Live Animals of the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animal Regulations as appropriate.

7. The animal(s) must be transported directly without contact with any animal not of equivalent certified health status, from the port of departure in the exporting country to the port of entry into Vanuatu. Transshipment or off-loading is permissible only in Australia, New Zealand or New Caledonia. In such circumstances the animal(s) must remain in their cages and within the confines of the airport.
8. The animal(s) must be consigned to Vanuatu by air as manifested cargo.
9. Animals in advanced pregnancy, animal(s) suckling young or weaned animal(s) younger than sixteen (16) weeks of age are ineligible for importation.
10. In regards to clause 8 – shredded paper and/or blankets are acceptable to use as bedding during transportation.  
Please note the following breeds (pure or cross) of dogs are NOT PERMITTED to be imported into Vanuatu:  
  
Pit bull terrier or American pit bull, Japanese Tosa, Fila Brasileiro, Dogo Argentino or Presa Canario.
12. Any animal(s) imported into Vanuatu in contravention of any conditions of the Provisional Import Permit will be seized and may be destroyed or re-exported at the owner's expense.
13. The Provisional Import Permit is valid only for the importation specified. Any change in details or circumstances must be notified immediately to the Principal Veterinary Officer, who may endorse the Provisional Import Permit accordingly.
14. The Provisional Import Permit may be cancelled at any time before shipment should the animal health and quarantine status of the exporting country change.

**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'.**