

Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999

Regulation & Assurance Branch, Animal and Animal Products Directorate, Ministry for Primary Industries

Ref: AE-US-11/24

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OACSEM.US 8 January 2016 – CAPRINE AND OVINE SEMEN TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60, section 60A, section 62(1) and section 167 of the Animal Products Act 1999 I notify the following:

(i) the issue under section 60 of the export requirements for Caprine and Ovine Semen to the United States of America OACSEM.US 08.JAN.2016;

(ii) the revocation of OMAR B CAOSEMEC.USA 12.07.12 – CAPRINE and OVINE SEMEN to the UNITED STATES of AMERICA;

(iii) the determination under section 62(1) of the format and content of the official assurance for Caprine and Ovine Semen to the United States of America.

This notice takes effect from the 8th of January 2016.

Dated at Wellington this 23rd day of December 2015.

Signed: Howard Pharo
Manager Imports & Exports Animals
Animal & Animal Products Directorate
Regulation & Assurance Branch
(acting under delegated authority)

2. United States of America requirements

Caprine and ovine semen exported from New Zealand to the United States of America must be accompanied by an official assurance in the form of a completed zoosanitary certificate.

The zoosanitary certificate as specified below must be completed and certified, after due enquiry, by an Official Veterinarian of the Ministry for Primary Industries.

Explanatory note:

If the zoosanitary certificate is not certified then the caprine/ovine semen does not satisfy the conditions in the notice. Likewise, if the caprine/ovine semen does not satisfy the zoosanitary requirements in the certificate, then the certificate will not be certified.



Certificate No:

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE:

Commodity: CAPRINE AND OVINE SEMEN

To: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Import Permit Number:

Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND

Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

I: IDENTIFICATION OF THE DONOR RAMS/BUCKS AND SEMEN

Breed	Identification Number	Date(s) of Collection	Straw Identification	Number of Straws

Total number of straws in consignment:

II: ORIGIN OF THE SEMEN

Name, address and approval number of semen collection centre where the semen was collected for the consignment:

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Name and address of consignor:

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III: DESTINATION OF SEMEN

Name and address of consignee:

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Method of transport:

IV: SANITARY INFORMATION

VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

I, being an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries certify, after due enquiry, with respect to the donor animals and semen identified in this Export Certificate that:

1. Country Freedom

- 1.1 New Zealand is free from aino, Akabane, bluetongue, *Brucella melitensis*, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), rinderpest, scrapie, surra and sheep pox.
- 1.2 No cases of disease caused by Schmallenberg virus have been detected or reported in New Zealand.

2. Donor Animals

- 2.1 The donor rams/bucks were:
 - Either 2.1.1 born and have been continuously resident in New Zealand for their entire lives
 - Or 2.1.2 imported into New Zealand from a country which the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regards as being free from foot and mouth disease and rinderpest, and have been unconditionally released into the national flock for at least sixty (60) days.

(Delete as applicable)
- 2.2 During the sixty (60) days prior to collection of semen for export to the United States of America, the donor animals were inspected by a MPI approved semen centre veterinarian and found to be free of contagious diseases.
- 2.3 During the twelve (12) months prior to collection of semen for export to the United States of America, there has been no evidence of Akabane, bluetongue, aino, *Brucella ovis*, *Brucella abortus*, epizootic haemorrhagic disease or tuberculosis found in the donor or other animals that have been associated with the donor animals.
- 2.4 The donor animals have not been used for natural mating for at least thirty (30) days prior to the collection of the semen.
- 2.5 The flock of origin of the donor animals and the semen collection centre have been free of bovine tuberculosis for at least two (2) years prior to collection of semen for export to the United States of America.

3. Donor Testing

- 3.1 The donor animals were tested and found negative not less than thirty (30) days or more than one hundred and twenty (120) days after the semen was collected, for:
 - 3.1.1 *Brucella ovis* for **donor rams**, using the complement fixation test (negative is at 1:10 serum dilution)
 - 3.1.2 *Brucella abortus* for **donor bucks**, using a serum agglutination test (negative is at less than 1:50 serum dilution)

3.1.3 Bovine tuberculosis using an intradermal tuberculin test.

3.2 On the dates of collection of the semen, none of the animals in the semen collection centre showed any evidence of infectious or contagious disease.

3.3 The laboratory testing was undertaken at a Ministry for Primary Industries approved laboratory.

4. Semen Collection Centre

4.1 The semen collection centre at which the semen to be exported was collected:

4.1.1 is approved and registered by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

4.1.2 is supervised by a Ministry for Primary Industries approved veterinarian, who is responsible for the hygiene of the centre and the health of the animals.

5. Semen Collection and Processing

5.1 The collection and processing of the semen for shipment to the United States of America was done under the supervision of a Ministry for Primary Industries approved semen collection centre veterinarian.

5.2 The semen was packaged in ampules or straws that are permanently marked with the name, breed, and individual identification number of the donor and the date of collection.

5.3 After processing, the ampules/straws were segregated in a storage area, at a storage facility approved by Ministry for Primary Industries and were maintained there under the supervision of a Ministry for Primary Industries approved semen collection centre veterinarian.

5.4 The shipping tank is either new or it has been cleaned and disinfected under the supervision of a Ministry for Primary Industries approved semen collection centre veterinarian and only fresh liquid nitrogen has been used to charge the tank.

5.5 Prior to export, shipping tank was locked and sealed under the supervision of an Official Veterinarian using an official seal.

Seal marks:

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Signature of Official Veterinarian
New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

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Official stamp and date

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Name and address

Note: 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.

EXPORT CERTIFICATION

(This is not part of the official certification)

COMMODITY: CAPRINE AND OVINE SEMEN

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NOTES: This export certificate replaces the certificate dated 1 March 2013 (OMAR dated 12 July 2012) and is based on the USDA protocol for the Importation of Sheep and Goat Semen from New Zealand dated 9 May 1991.

The certificate was amended to include a statement for Schmallenberg disease.

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'.