

Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999 - Biosecurity New Zealand

Ref: AE-OM 010

Date: 30 March 2007

OMAR B DOMANIEC.OMA 30.03.07 – DOGS and CATS to the SULTANATE OF OMAN.

1. Statutory authority

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

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington on this 11th day of April 2007.

Signed: Karen Sparrow
Manager Exports
Preclearance Directorate
Biosecurity New Zealand
(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. Sultanate of Oman Requirements

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

2.1 An import permit is required for the exportation of dogs and cats to the Sultanate of Oman.

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

2.2.1 No case of rabies has ever occurred in New Zealand.

2.2.2 The animal(s) is/are identified with an implanted transponder/microchip.

2.2.3 The animal(s) has/have been vaccinated against rabies at least one month prior to the scheduled date of export, and must enter the Sultanate of Oman within 11 months of the date of the rabies vaccination.

2.2.4 For dogs only:

2.2.4.1 The dog(s) has/have received a booster vaccination against canine distemper, canine parvovirus, infectious canine hepatitis, and leptospirosis at least 14 days and not more than 12 months prior to the scheduled date of export (vaccination certificate must be attached with the export certificate).

2.2.5 For cats only:

2.2.5.1 The cat(s) has/have received a booster vaccination against feline rhinotracheitis, feline calicivirus and feline panleukopenia at least 14 days and not more than 12 months prior to the scheduled date of export. (vaccination certificate must be attached with the export certificate).

2.2.6 The animal(s) has/have been clinically examined and found to be in good health and free from ectoparasites at the time of export.

2.2.7 The official veterinarian of New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry have no reason to doubt the information supplied in the Owner/Exporter's Declaration.

2.2.8 The owner/exporter must solemnly and sincerely declare that the animal(s) listed in the export certificate:

2.2.8.1 Has/have been continuously resident in New Zealand since birth or for at least six months prior to the scheduled date of export

2.2.8.2 The animal(s) is/are at least four months of age at the time of export.

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 dogs and cats to Sultanate of Oman dated 30 March 2007 based on the Sultanate of Oman Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, 'Application for permission to enter dogs and cats into the Sultanate of Oman'.

Additional Information on OMAR Notification: DOMANIEC.OMA 30.03.07

1. An Import Permit must be obtained prior to export from the Sultanate of Oman Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Animal Health Department. Tel: 696300 ext 1510/1513. Fax: 694465/696271. Email: mafvet@omatel.net. An import permit will only be issued if all conditions stated in this zoosanitary certificate are met.
2. Original vaccination records and the zoosanitary certificate must accompany the animal(s). The rabies vaccination details must include a vaccine sticker which clearly shows batch number, date of manufacture and expiry, names of manufacturing company and country.
3. Rabies Control Regulation requires the registration of all dogs and cats entering Oman at the Rusayl Veterinary Quarantine Station. Tel: 540026 or Seeb Airport Quarantine Office. Tel: 510 456 as per Ministerial Decision Number 1/87.
4. Dogs and cats will be quarantined for six months if the Veterinary Authority is not satisfied with the health condition of the animal(s), and/or the certificate and supporting documentation.

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'.