

# **Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999**

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

Ref: AE-AU-08

Date: 18 August 2016

### **CEREMB.AU 1 September 2016 – CERVINE EMBRYOS TO AUSTRALIA**

#### **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 cervine embryos to Australia CEREMB.AU dated 1 September 2016;
- (ii) the determination under section 62(1) of the format and content of the official assurance for cervine embryos to Australia;
- (iii) the revocation and replacement of the export requirements for cervine embryos to Australia OMAR B CEREMBEC.AUS dated 01 March 2013

This notice takes effect from the date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 19th day of August 2016.

Signed: Howard Pharo  
Manager Import and Export Animals  
Animal and Animal Products Directorate  
Regulation and Assurance Branch  
(acting under delegated authority)

#### **2. Australia requirements**

Cervine embryos exported from New Zealand to Australia 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 cervine embryos do not satisfy the conditions in the notice. Likewise, if the cervine embryos do 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:                   CERVINE EMBRYOS

To:                             AUSTRALIA

Exporting Country:        NEW ZEALAND

Competent Authority:     MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Import Permit number:    .....

(Use a schedule for more than one donor)

<b>I: SEMEN DONOR</b>	
Name	
Date(s) of semen collection	
Semen identification	

<b>II: EMBRYO DONOR</b>	
Name	
Breed	
Stud book / Registration No.	
Ear tag / Tattoo / Brand / Microchip No. *	
Date of entry into facility / resident flock	
<b>III: IDENTIFICATION OF THE EMBRYOS</b>	
Date(s) of embryo/ova flushes	
Straw identification <sup>(1)</sup>	
Number of embryos	
Number of straws	
Transport container(s) / shipper(s) identification	

\* Delete if not applicable

<sup>(1)</sup> Genetic material must be listed against the identity of the sealed transport container(s) / shipper(s).

Total number of embryos in this consignment: .....

**IV: ORIGIN OF THE CERVINE EMBRYOS**

Name of premises where the embryos were originally collected:	Name, address and approval number of embryo team:
Name of approved team veterinarian:	Telephone:

Name and address of exporter:.....  
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**V: DESTINATION OF THE EMBRYOS**

Name and address of consignee:.....  
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Nature and identification of means of transport: .....

**VI: SANITARY INFORMATION****VETERINARY CERTIFICATE**

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

1. No cases of disease caused by Schmallenberg virus have been detected or reported in New Zealand
2. Prior to collection the donors were part of a herd that is officially free of bovine tuberculosis.
3. During the twelve (12) months immediately prior to the collection of embryos for this consignment, each donor was tested with a negative result for bovine tuberculosis using:

Either 3.1 a blood test

Or 3.2 a mid-cervical intradermal tuberculin test.

(Delete as appropriate)

4. Each donor animal was individually marked and isolated (no nose-to-nose contact) from other deer not of equivalent health status, from seven (7) days before the first collection of embryos until the last collection of embryos. During this period the donor was in a cervine embryo collection facility or a resident herd approved by New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries and under the supervision of an approved veterinarian.

5. The embryos in this consignment were fertilised:

Either 5.1 by natural mating with a stag with the same health status as the female donor

Or 5.2 by semen collected at a semen centre approved by New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries to collect cervine semen for export.

(Delete as appropriate)

6. The embryos were collected, processed, identified and stored in accordance with the procedures detailed in the current *Manual of the International Embryo Transfer Society* (IETS).
7. The embryos in this consignment were not subjected to micro-manipulation involving breaching of the zona pellucida and all had intact zona pellucida at the time of storage.
8. The embryos were identified and stored since the end of the collection period until export, under the supervision of an Official Veterinarian in containers in which no biological material other than semen, embryos or ova of equivalent health status was held.
9. Where reproductive material was removed from containers for further processing or aggregation with other reproductive material at an approved centre or laboratory, the dates of transfer, reason for transfer, name of the approved centre or laboratory and the approved veterinarian must be listed against the **containers**.
10. The container for export was:
  - Either 10.1 a new shipper
  - Or 10.2 prior to loading, emptied and inspected and any loose straws removed. The shipper, including all surfaces contacting the straws, was disinfected with:

Product  
used:

Date of disinfection:

(AQIS accept the following disinfectants: 2% available chlorine, 2% Virkon, or irradiated at 50kGy).

(Delete as appropriate)

10.3 Only new liquid nitrogen was added to the shipping container

11. Prior to shipment, the semen transportation container was sealed by an Official Veterinarian with an official seal, bearing the number or mark:

Signature Official Veterinarian  
New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

Official Stamp and Date

Name and Address .....

**Note: the Official Veterinarian must sign, date and stamp each page of the veterinary certificate and, where applicable, all documents (e.g. laboratory reports) that form part of the extended health certification.**

**EXPORT CERTIFICATION**

**(This is not part of the official certification)**

**COMMODITY:** CERVINE EMBRYOS

**COUNTRY:** AUSTRALIA

**NOTES:** This export certificate replaces the one dated 1 March 2013 to include a requirement for Schmallenberg virus.

1. Each consignment of embryos must be accompanied by a valid *Permit to Import Semen/Embryos* into Australia obtained, prior to the export of the embryos, from the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) Office in the State/Territory of import.
2. These requirements are the minimum requirements for importation into Australia. Different zones of Australia have different animal health status and state or territory veterinary authorities may require further testing or certification for certain diseases before direct export into a specific zone.
3. In Clause IV: Origin of the embryos, where there is more than one team veterinarian, list each team veterinarian.

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**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'.**