

Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999

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

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CAFSEMNZO.AU 1 AUGUST 2016 – CANINE AND FELINE SEMEN OF NEW ZEALAND ORIGIN TO AUSTRALIA

1. Statutory authority

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

- (i) the issue under section 60 of the overseas market access requirements for canine and feline semen of New Zealand origin to Australia CAFSEMNZO.AU dated 1 August 2016;
- (ii) the revocation and replacement of the overseas market access requirements for canine and feline semen of New Zealand origin to Australia DOMSEMEC.AU dated 11 March 2013;

This notice takes effect from the 1st of August 2016.

Dated at Wellington this 11th day of July 2016.

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

2. Australia requirements

Canine semen of New Zealand origin exported from New Zealand to Australia must be accompanied by an export certificate as specified below. It must be completed and certified, after due enquiry, by an MPI Approved Veterinarian for the cats and dogs to Australia export programme.

Explanatory note:

If the export certificate is not certified then the canine semen of New Zealand origin do not satisfy the conditions in the notice. Likewise, if the canine semen of New Zealand origin do not satisfy the export requirements in the export certificate then the certificate will not be certified.



EXPORT CERTIFICATE

CANINE AND FELINE SEMEN OF NEW ZEALAND ORIGIN TO AUSTRALIA

Veterinary certification

I,, being a registered veterinarian approved to certify cats and dogs to Australia, certify after due enquiry, with respect to the donor and semen identified below that:

Breed of donor: Microchip number:

Number of straws/cryovials in the consignment: Date(s) of semen collection: (dd/mmm/yyyy)

Identification of straws/cryovials:

Name and address of exporter:

Name and address of Department of Agriculture and Water Resources port of arrival:

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Scheduled date of export: Scheduled flight number:

1. New Zealand is free from rabies.
2. I am satisfied by veterinary or council registration records that the donor was resident in New Zealand and not under any quarantine restriction at the time of collection.
3. For dogs only, canine brucellosis (*Brucella canis*) and leptospirosis (*Leptospira canicola*) and indigenous cases of, and established populations of competent vectors for, leishmaniasis have not been confirmed in New Zealand during the 12 months immediately preceding the date of semen collection.
4. In the case of canine semen: (please tick as appropriate)
EITHER I am satisfied by veterinary or council registration records that the donor has been continuously resident in New Zealand since birth, or since it was imported from Australia;

OR The dog tested negative to an indirect fluorescent antibody test (IFAT) or an enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) for *Leishmania infantum* on a blood sample collected between 30 to 45 days after the last collection of semen

Date of sample collection: ___ / ___ / ___ (dd/mmm/yyyy) Test used: _____

5. The donor was examined by an Approved Veterinarian on the day(s) of semen collection, and found to be healthy and free from evidence of venereal diseases.
6. An Approved Veterinarian collected or supervised the collection of the semen above from the aforementioned donor.
7. At the time of collection, each semen straw/cryovial was permanently marked with the donor name and breed, date of collection, and, from 1 August 2016, the donor microchip number.
8. The semen was stored under the supervision of an Approved Veterinarian and stored in:
For frozen semen:
EITHER i) a new shipper
OR ii) prior to loading, the shipper was emptied and inspected and any loose straws removed. The shipper, including all surfaces contacting the straws was disinfected on (date),
using (delete as appropriate)
AND only new liquid nitrogen has been added to the tank.
9. The container or shipper was sealed with a tamper evident seal. Seal number:

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Signature of Certifying Veterinarian Date (dd/mmm/yyyy) MPI Practice Approval Number

Practice name and address:

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Phone: Email:

Export certification notes:

1. This certificate replaces that dated 1 March 2013.
2. The semen must be processed in either straw or pellet form. Pellets must be packaged in cryovials suitable for maintaining the product's integrity during storage and transport. Straws and cryovials of semen collected from 1 August 2016 must bear the microchip number of the donor animal.
3. A valid *Permit to Import Quarantine Material into Australia* must be obtained, prior to the export of the semen, from Department of Agriculture and Water Resources. Email: imports@agriculture.gov.au Phone: +61 3 8318 6700.
4. Advance notice of the intended import must be given to Department of Agriculture and Water Resources at the port of entry at least 72 hours prior to the expected time of arrival, giving the flight number/ship number and arrival time.
5. Each consignment must be accompanied by:
 - a Department of Agriculture and Water Resources Import Permit; and
 - an export certificate completed by a registered veterinarian approved by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries to certify cats and dogs to Australia.
6. There must be a separate export certificate for each donor. Where there are multiple dates of collection, each date must be entered using the format dd/mmm/yyyy.
7. A registered veterinarian approved by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries to certify cats and dogs to Australia must examine the donor on the date of semen collection and seal the container. The number of this seal must be recorded on the certificate.
8. The MPI Practice Approval Number is the approval number of the Approved Veterinary Practice under which the registered veterinarian is approved by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries to certify cats and dogs being exported to Australia.
9. Transport containers or shippers used for the transport of semen must be either new, or disinfected using one of the products or procedures accepted by Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (2% available chlorine, 2% Virkon, or irradiation at 50kGy). For used containers/shippers, the date of disinfection, the disinfectant used and its active chemical must be recorded on the health certificate.
10. Only new liquid nitrogen may be added to the tank prior to loading.
11. The exporter must ship the consignment to the Australian importer care of Department of Agriculture and Water Resources in the state of import.
12. In the event of semen arriving in Australia without the correct certification, or in any other way not meeting these conditions, the semen may be detained in quarantine, re-exported at the importer's expense or destroyed without recompense.
13. It is the importer's responsibility to ensure they have complied with requirements of any other regulatory and advisory bodies prior to and after importation. It is the importer's responsibility to arrange for any additional testing for genetic and endemic infectious diseases, or for movement of animals or genetic material into certain animal health zones within Australia.
14. For general enquiries regarding this export certificate, please contact AsureQuality on 0508 00 11 22 or email exports@asurequality.com. Copies of completed export certificates must be sent to Export Administration, AsureQuality Limited, Private Bag 3080, Hamilton.

Section 61.A of the Animal Products Act 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'.