

MPI Animal Exports Team are aware of issues with these particular Overseas Market Access Requirements (OMARS), however exports may be possible.

If you are planning an export with one of these OMARS please contact MPI Animal Exports team to discuss the implications of the requirements as soon as possible.

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

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

Ref: AE-FJ-09L

Date: 12 January 2015

#### **DOMANIEC.FJ 14 JANUARY 2015 – DOGS AND CATS TO FIJI**

##### **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 OMAR for dogs and cats to Fiji DOMANIEC.FJ dated 14 January 2015;
- (ii) the determination under section 62(1) of the format and content of the official assurance for dogs and cats to Fiji;
- (iii) the revocation and replacement of the OMAR for dogs and cats to Fiji DOMANIEC.FJ 12.06.09.

This notice takes effect from the 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2015.

Dated at Wellington this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015.

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

##### **2. Fiji requirements**

Dogs and cats exported from New Zealand to Fiji 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.

<p>Explanatory note: If the zoosanitary certificate is not certified then the dogs and cats do not satisfy the conditions in the notice. Likewise, if the dogs and cats do not satisfy the zoosanitary requirements in the certificate, then the certificate will not be certified.</p>
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Certificate No: .....

**NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES**

**ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE**

Species: DOGS AND CATS

To: FIJI

Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND

Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Import Permit Number: .....

**I: IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMALS**

Species	Name	Breed and description	Microchip number and site	Sex	Age

Total number of animals: .....

**II: SOURCE OF ANIMALS**

Name and address of exporter: .....  
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Place of origin of animals: .....  
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Port of embarkation: .....

**III: DESTINATION OF ANIMALS**

Name and address of consignee:.....  
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Means and identification of transport: .....

Port of arrival: .....

**IV: SANITARY INFORMATION**

I, ....., an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries certify, after due enquiry with respect to the animal(s) identified in this Zoosanitary Certificate that:

- 1. New Zealand is free of rabies, and no case of indigenously acquired rabies has been reported in humans or any other animal species during the past two (2) years.
- 2. I have no reason to doubt the information supplied in the registered veterinarian’s declaration.
- 3. The animal(s) was placed in a container that meets IATA standards. The container is fastened with an official seal bearing the number or marks: .....

.....  
Signature of 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.**

**REGISTERED VETERINARIAN'S DECLARATION**

I, ....., a Registered Veterinary Surgeon in New Zealand hereby declare in regard to the animal(s) listed in this Zoosanitary Certificate that:

1. The animal(s) is identified with an implanted transponder/microchip, number: ..... and the site of implantation is: .....

2. After due inquiry and physical examination, I am satisfied that the animal(s) will not be more than forty two (42) days pregnant or suckling young at the scheduled date of shipment.

3. In the case of dogs:

3.1 After due inquiry and physical examination, I am satisfied that the dog(s) will be more than four (4) months old at the scheduled date of shipment.

3.2 The dog(s) has been vaccinated against canine distemper, canine parvovirus, infectious canine hepatitis and parainfluenza virus at least thirty (30) days and not more than twelve (12) months prior to the scheduled date of export to Fiji (vaccination certificate attached).

Date of vaccination: .....

3.3 \***Either** 3.3.1 The dog(s) has been vaccinated against leptospirosis with *Leptospira interrogans* var *icterohaemorrhagiae* within thirty (30) days prior to export. (Vaccination certificate attached.)

Date of vaccination: .....

\***Or** 3.3.2 The dog(s) has been tested, with a negative result, for *Leptospira interrogans* var *canicola* infection by the serum agglutination test on a sample collected within thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date of export. (Laboratory result attached.)

Date of test: .....

(\*Delete as appropriate)

4. In the case of cats:

4.1 The cat(s) has been vaccinated against feline enteritis, feline rhinotracheitis and feline calicivirus at least thirty (30) days and not more than twelve (12) months prior to the scheduled date of export to Fiji.

Date of vaccination: .....

5. For dogs and cats:

5.1 Each animal was treated twice with an anthelmintic effective against internal parasites at the recommended dose rate, fourteen (14) days apart, with the second dose being within forty eight (48) hours of the scheduled date of departure.

Dates of treatments: First dose: .....

Second dose: .....

Active ingredients and dosage used: .....

5.2 Within four (4) days of the scheduled date of shipment, each animal was treated with an insecticide which is effective against ticks, lice and fleas.

Date of treatment: .....

Active ingredients and dosage used: .....

6. Within forty eight (48) hours prior to export, I examined the animal(s) and found them to be free of clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease, ectoparasites and they were fit to travel.
7. All immunological testing was carried out by a veterinary diagnostic laboratory approved by New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries.

.....  
Registered Veterinary Surgeon Date

.....  
(Printed name and qualifications)

.....  
Address

**EXPORTER'S DECLARATION**

I, ....., do solemnly and sincerely declare that the animal(s) listed in the zoosanitary certificate:

1. Have been continuously resident in New Zealand since birth or for at least six months prior to export and have not been resident in any quarantine facility or under any restrictions due to disease during the 30 days immediately preceding export.

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Signature of Exporter Date

Name and Address.....

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

**SPECIES:** DOGS AND CATS

**COUNTRY:** FIJI

**NOTES:** This certificate replaces the previous one dated 1 March 2013 (OMAR dated 12 June 2009) and has been updated to include the leptospirosis vaccination option.

1. An Import Permit must be obtained from the CEO, Biosecurity Authority of Fiji before any animal(s) is brought into Fiji and must accompany the animal(s) to Fiji.
2. There are several inconsistencies between the Fijian import permit (which includes their mock Veterinary certificate), and New Zealand's export certificate and export requirements. New Zealand is negotiating with Fiji to establish a new export certificate to align with Fiji's import conditions.
3. Original vaccination certificates/laboratory report form or copies endorsed by the Official Veterinarian must be attached to the Veterinarian's declaration.
4. Each page of the export certificate, the laboratory report and vaccination certificates must be stamped with an Official Stamp of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries and be endorsed by signature and date by the Official Veterinarian.
5. All certification and documentation must be original and complete; otherwise the animal(s) will either be re-shipped or destroyed upon arrival in Fiji, with all costs borne by the importer.
6. The Post-Entry Quarantine Facility for small animals is located in Koronivia (about 8 kms from Nausori Airport). Animal(s) travelling from Nadi to the facility by road must be accompanied by a quarantine officer.
7. Post Entry fees must be paid in advance before the animal is/are allowed to get on board the aircraft bound for Fiji.
8. The following breeds of dogs are prohibited from importation into Fiji: Dogo Argentino, Fila Brasileiro, Japanese Tosa, Pit Bull Terrier, including American Pit Bull Terrier, or crosses of any of the above.
9. During transport the animal(s) must fly directly to Fiji and not be transhipped at any other port. There must be no other animal(s) on the aircraft carrying the animal(s) to Fiji, other than animals of New Zealand origin. The official seals on the containers the animal(s) are in must be intact upon arrival in Fiji.
10. The animal's microchip must be able to be read by an Avid/ Destron microchip reader.
11. Animal(s) will be released after the minimum quarantine period only if they remain healthy throughout the post-entry quarantine period and the quarantine fees have been paid. The minimum quarantine period is seven days at the government Post-Entry Quarantine Station at Koronivia. For details of quarantine and other fees, please contact the Post-Entry Quarantine Station on Phone (679) 3477 044; Fax (679) 3400408.
12. The Post-Entry Quarantine (PEQ) must be contacted well ahead of time (6-8 weeks) before departure from the country of origin to book for kennel space reservations. Contact: Mr. Sanivalati Nacola, Tel: (679) 3479 024, Mobile: 679 8639 503, Email: [snacola@baf.com.fj](mailto:snacola@baf.com.fj)
13. Pet food (cat/dog food, special diet or veterinary prescribed feed) for pets sufficient for the quarantine period only may accompany the animals without an import permit. A separate import permit must be obtained for pet food that will be used after the post entry quarantine period.

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**Section 61A 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'.**