

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

Ref: AE-HW 09L
Date: 28 March 2008

OMAR B DOMANIEC.HAW 28.03.08– DOGS AND CATS TO HAWAII

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

- (a) I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled dogs and cats to Hawaii.
- (b) Revoke OMAR B DOMANIEC.HAW 28.07.04.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington on this 4th day of April 2008.

Signed: Karen Sparrow
Exports Manager
Border Standards
MAF Biosecurity New Zealand
(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. Hawaii Requirements

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

- 2.1 An import permit is required for the exportation of dogs and cats to Hawaii.

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

2.2.1 New Zealand is free of rabies.

2.2.2 The animals have been examined and found to be free of external parasites and symptoms of transmissible disease.

2.2.3 Seal number used to seal animals' cage to be recorded on the export certificate.

2.3 The owner must solemnly and sincerely declare that the animals identified in Part I of the export certificate have not been outside New Zealand for the six months prior to the date of the export certificate, or since importation from Hawaii, and that details of the consignment are given on the export certificate.

2.3.1 And the owner has made this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

2.3.2 Date of departure, airline and flight number to be recorded on the export certificate.

2.3.3. Date and place of declaration before the Justice of Peace or other persons authorised to make a Statutory Declaration to be recorded on the export certificate.

(NB: The Statutory Declaration must be completed prior to the animals being presented for examination and certification by the Veterinary Officer).

2.4 The captain/senior airline official must solemnly and sincerely declare:

2.4.1 That the animals identified in Part I of the export certificate were transported to Hawaii from New Zealand in one aircraft and none of the animals were off-loaded en route to Hawaii.

2.4.2 No other animals, other than animals from Australia and the British Isles, were transported aboard the same carrier.

2.4.3 And the captain/senior airline official has made this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

2.4.4 Date of arrival, airline and flight number to be recorded on the export certificate.

2.4.5 Name of the airline official, his or her position and company's name to be recorded on the export certificate.

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

This OMAR is based on the export certificate for dogs and cats to Hawaii dated 28 March 2008.

**Additional Information on OMAR Notification: DOMANIEC.HAW
28.03.08**

1. The owner's statutory declaration has been updated to include reference to animals being continually resident in New Zealand since importation from Hawaii. This was approved by the Division of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture, Hawaii on 10 March 2008.

2. No Import permit is required. Hawaii must issue an entry import number within 30 days of the animal's arrival. This can be issued via e-mail. E-mail the age, description, breed, sex, and age of the animal along with the date it is intended to enter and an entry number will be issued. It is only valid for only 30 days. Insert the import permit number on the zoo-sanitary certificate.

E-mail: hdoa.info@hawaii.gov or rabiesfree@hawaii.gov

Postal address:

State of Hawaii
Department of Agriculture
Animal Quarantine Branch
99-951 Halawa Valley Street
Aiea
Hawaii 96701

Phone 001 808 483 7151 Fax 808 483 7161
or 001 808 837-8092 (24hrs)

3. A seal must be applied to the cage. If the animal arrives without being sealed in a container then 120 days quarantine will be required.

4. In cases where the animals are off-loaded;

4.1 the off-loading, transfer, and placement on the next aircraft must be directly supervised by the officer in charge of either aircraft;

4.2 The officer in charge shall certify in writing that the animal in transit did not come into contact with any other animal;

4.3 The officer in charge shall be identified on the certification by name, position, title, airline name, business addresses and phone number;

4.4 AND the certification shall state the exact date, time, airline and flight number for both the arriving and departing aircraft.

5. For dogs or cats from New Zealand that have not been continually resident in NZ for the previous 6 months (or since birth) or since importation from Hawaii, the following has to occur:

5.1 The dog/cat must be microchipped.

5.2 They must be vaccinated against rabies at least twice in its lifetime with the most recent rabies vaccination administered no less than 3 months prior to arrival in Hawaii. There must be more than 3 months between the 2 vaccinations. An OIE-FAVN rabies blood test must be taken and passed no less than 120 days prior to arrival in Hawaii. The blood sample can only be done at Kansas State University (FAVN-OIE test) and can take up to 6 weeks to process (after arrival). A passing blood test (greater than or equal to 0.5 IU/ml) is valid for 36 months.

5.3 Owners must contact Hawaii to find out the exact conditions to ensure these conditions have not changed.

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'.