

# **Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999 – Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry New Zealand**

Ref: AE-KY-09L

Date: 08 August 2011

## **OMAR B DOMANIEC.KEN 08.08.11 – DOGS AND CATS TO KENYA**

### **1. Statutory authority**

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

(i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled Dogs and Cats to Kenya.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2011.

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Group Manager  
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Standards Branch  
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry  
(pursuant to delegated authority)

### **2. Kenya requirements**

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

2.1 An Import Permit is required for the export of dogs and cats to Kenya.

2.2 An Official Veterinarian of New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry must certify the following:

2.2.1 New Zealand is free from rabies.

2.2.2 **Either:** The animal(s) was kept since birth or for the six (6) months prior to the time of export in a rabies free country as defined in the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code\*

2.2.3 **Or:** The animal(s) showed no sign of rabies within forty eight (48) hours of shipment, **and** \*

2.2.3.1 Were identified by a permanent mark (such as a microchip) and this has been recorded in section I of the certificate or had other adequate identification; **and**

2.2.3.2 Were vaccinated against rabies:

2.2.3.2.1 not less than six (6) months and not more than one (1) year prior to shipment in the case of a primary vaccination, which should have been carried out when the animal(s) was at least three (3) months old;

2.2.3.2.2 not more than one (1) year prior to shipment in the case of a booster vaccination;

2.2.3.2.3 with an inactivated virus vaccine or with a recombinant vaccine expressing the rabies virus glycoprotein

2.2.3.2.4 was subjected not less than three (3) months and not more than twenty four (24) months prior to shipment to an antibody test as prescribed in the OIE Terrestrial Manual with a positive result equivalent to at least 0.5IU/ml; \*

2.2.4 **Or:** Have not been vaccinated against rabies or do not meet all the conditions set out in points 2.2.3.1 and 2.2.3.2; in such cases Kenya may require the placing of animals in a quarantine station located in the country for up to six (6) months at the cost of the owner of the animal. \*

2.2.5 If the animal to be exported is under six (6) months of age and if the dam has not been resident in New Zealand for the six (6) months prior to export or since birth, the dam was vaccinated against rabies prior to whelping the puppies or kittens in accordance with the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code.

(\*Delete as applicable)

2.2.6 The animal(s) was examined within forty eight (48) hours of the scheduled time of export and was found to be clinically free of symptoms of contagious and infectious disease and internal and external parasites.

2.2.7 The animal(s) showed no clinical signs of rabies at the time of examination.

### **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 exported from New Zealand to Kenya, dated 8 August 2011.*

## **Additional Information on OMAR Notification: DOMANIEC.KEN 08.08.11**

This OMAR replaces that which was dated 10 January 2000. The OMAR was updated to add the rabies requirements if the animal has not been resident in New Zealand for the six months prior to export or since birth. This certificate also updated the timeframe in which the animal needed to be checked prior to export and to add the Captain's declaration.

1. An Import Permit is required.
2. Import Permits are valid for thirty (30) days from the date of issue and are only valid for one (1) consignment.
3. The Import Permit must accompany the animal during transportation
4. The port of entry into Kenya must be Jomo Kenyatta Airport, Nairobi.
5. Animals entering Kenya should travel as manifest cargo and use the freight compartment of the aircraft. They should not travel as baggage-cargo or in passenger cabins.

**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'.**