

OVERSEAS MARKET ACCESS REQUIREMENTS NOTIFICATION - ANIMAL PRODUCTS ACT 1999 – STANDARDS BRANCH, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY NEW ZEALAND

Ref: AE-MY-09L

Date: 20 January 2012

OMAR B DOMANIEC.MAL 18.01.12 – CATS & DOGS to MALAYSIA

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled Cats & Dogs to Malaysia.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 24th day of January 2012.

Signed: Dr Alan Macleod BVSc, Dip Agric Sc
Acting Group Manager
Animal Imports and Exports
Import and Export Animals Directorate
Standards Branch
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

2. Malaysia requirements

Cats and dogs exported from New Zealand to Malaysia must comply with the import regulations of Malaysia listed in this notice as follows.

2.1 An Import Permit is required for the exportation of cats and dogs to Malaysia.

2.2 An Official Veterinarian authorised by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry must certify, after due enquiry the following:

2.2.1 No case of rabies has occurred in New Zealand during the six (6) months immediately preceding the scheduled date of export.

2.2.2 The animal(s) has not been imported into New Zealand during the six (6) months preceding the date of export.

2.2.3 The animal(s) has been vaccinated against rabies using an approved anti-rabies vaccine.

2.2.4 The vaccination history status, treatment given and health status of the animal is up to date.

2.2.5 The animal(s) has been examined and found to be healthy and free from any clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease at the time of examination and certification, prior to export.

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

These overseas market access requirements are based on the current export certificate for cats and dogs to Malaysia, dated 18 January 2012.

Additional Information for OMAR Notification: DOMANIEC.MAL 18.01.12

This OMAR replaces that dated 27 April 2005 and is based on Regulations for the importation of dogs and cats into Malaysia from the Scheduled Countries (United Kingdom, Eire, Northern Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Sweden and Brunei). It was approved on 19 January 2012 by Dr.Pravina Vathi Ramachanderen, Quarantine Services and Import/Export Section Biosecurity Management and Phytosanitary Division Department of Veterinary Services, Putrajaya.

1. All animals must be accompanied by a valid import license issued by the Director General of Veterinary Services, Malaysia or the State Director concerned permitting the import of these animals into the State(s) of Malaysia. An application form for the import license can be found at http://www.dvs.gov.my/web/guest/borang_import
2. For import into Sabah or Sarawak: enquires and applications are to be made to these states directly. These states have their own export requirements and certificates: <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/exports/animals/omars/domaniec.sab.htm> (Sabah), <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/exports/animals/omars/domaniec.sar.htm> (Sarawak)
3. Dogs shall be identified using an ISO (Std 11784 and 11785) compliant microchip.
4. Clause 4: 'health status' of the animal refers to its current vaccination status (i.e. its vaccinations/boosters are up to date according to the manufacturer's recommendations), 'treatment' refers to the actual vaccines used and 'vaccination history status' refers to the animal's lifetime history of vaccinations. There is no requirement for a waiting period between the rabies vaccination and export.

For dogs: vaccination against distemper, parvovirus, leptospirosis, hepatitis and kennel cough are recommended.

For cats: vaccination against feline rhinotracheitis, calicivirus and panleukopaenia are recommended

5. The following breeds of dogs are banned from importation into Malaysia:
 - Pit Bull Terrier
 - Staffordshire Bull Terrier
 - American Bulldog
 - Neapolitan Mastiff
 - Japanese Tosa
 - Akita
 - Dogo Argentino
 - Fila Brasileiro
6. The following breed of dogs are restricted breeds (importation into Malaysia is subject to special conditions):
 - Rottweiler

- Doberman
- German Shepherd/Alsatian including Belgium Shepherd and Eastern European Shepherd
- Bull Mastiff
- Bull Terrier
- Perro de Presa Canario (Canary Dog)

An approval to import restricted breeds of dogs should be obtained in writing from the Director of State Veterinary Services (Director) subject to the following conditions, prior to application of an import license:

- 6.1 Dogs shall not be less than three (3) months of age at the time of import.
- 6.2 Dogs shall have a pedigree certificate issued by an approved organisation in the country of export (name and address of the organisation shall be specified).
- 6.3 The microchip number must be clearly recorded in the pedigree certificate.
- 6.4 Name and address of the importer who shall be responsible for the care and handling of the dog shall be clearly stated in the application for approval.
- 6.5 The premise or residence of the dog shall be inspected by the Director to verify facilities regarding kennel, size of the compound, safety and control of the dog.
- 6.6 The importer shall provide a written declaration that the dog:
 - i. is a personal pet and not intended for sale (importation of controlled breeds of dogs is allowed as a personal pet of the importer or for security purpose only)
 - ii. shall be kept secured within the compound at all times
 - iii. shall be kept on a leash and muzzled at all times in a public area
 - iv. shall be under the control of a trained and skilled handler at all times (for security dogs).

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'