

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

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## OMAR B BOVSEMEC.MAU 02.02.06 – BOVINE SEMEN TO MAURITIUS

### 1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999, I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled bovine semen to Mauritius.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2006.

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

### 2. Mauritius Requirements

Bovine semen exported from New Zealand to Mauritius must comply with the import requirements of Mauritius listed in this notice as follows:

2.1 An import permit is required for the exportation of bovine semen to Mauritius.

2.2 An official veterinarian of New Zealand must certify the following:

2.2.1 New Zealand is free from bluetongue, brucellosis (*Brucella abortus*), bovine spongiform encephalopathy, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, foot-and-mouth disease, lumpy skin disease, rinderpest, and vesicular stomatitis.

Vaccination against these diseases is prohibited in New Zealand.  
BSE has never been diagnosed in New Zealand.

2.2.2 The semen collection centre at which the semen was collected:

2.2.2.1 is approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry as having facilities suitable for collecting, processing, and storing semen

2.2.2.2 is under the direct supervision and sanitary control of a centre veterinarian who is approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and is responsible for the hygiene of the centre and the health of the animals

2.2.2.3 is regularly inspected by a veterinary officer approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

2.2.3 In the 12 months prior to the date of the initial collection of semen for this consignment, no cases of bovine genital campylobacteriosis, bovine tuberculosis, bovine viral diarrhoea, enzootic bovine leukosis (lymphosarcoma), infectious bovine rhinotracheitis, leptospirosis, and trichomoniasis were diagnosed at the semen collection centre.

2.2.4.1 The donor bulls were resident in the semen collection centre, under veterinary supervision, for at least 30 days prior to the collection of semen for this consignment.

2.2.4.2 During the pre-collection period the donor bulls did not perform natural service.

2.2.5.1 Donor bulls were treated or tested with negative results for the following diseases within the 12-month period immediately prior to semen collection:

2.2.5.1.1 *Campylobacter fetus* subsp. *venerealis* using culture examination of preputial washings

2.2.5.1.2 *Trichomonas fetus* using microscopic examination or culture examination of preputial washings

2.2.5.1.3 bovine tuberculosis using an intradermal test applied to the caudal fold using bovine tuberculin

2.2.5.1.4 enzootic bovine leukosis (lymphosarcoma) using either the AGID test or ELISA

2.2.5.1.5 Johne's disease (paratuberculosis) using either the ELISA or CFT.

2.2.5.2 The donor bulls, or the semen for export, were tested for infectious bovine rhinotracheitis as follows:

EITHER 2.2.5.2.1 negative results on semen using either virus culture or nucleic acid detection test (PCR technology) carried out within the 12 months prior to collection of the semen for export, where the donor bulls having given a negative result to either an IBR ELISA or SNT are now routinely vaccinated with an inactivated IBR vaccine

OR 2.2.5.2.2 negative to either an ELISA or a SNT carried out within the 12 months prior to collection of the semen for export, and in accordance with the OIE *Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals*

OR 2.2.5.2.3 negative results on semen using either virus culture or nucleic acid detection test (PCR technology) on an aliquot of semen for export when the serological status of the donor bull is not known or the donor bull is IBR seropositive.

2.2.6.1 The semen was collected, processed, packaged, and stored in accordance with the recommendations of the OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*. The semen was stored in approved conditions for a minimum of 30 days prior to shipment.

2.2.6.2 The ingredients of the diluent to be recorded.

2.2.6.3 The antibiotics added to the diluent to be recorded (name and concentration).

2.2.6.2 The shipping container is:

EITHER 2.2.6.2.1 new

OR 2.2.6.2.2 disinfected (product used and concentration).

2.2.6.3 The semen was sent to the place of shipment in a sealed container under conditions which comply with the OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*.

2.2.6.4 Prior to export, the transportation flasks were sealed under veterinary supervision, using seals that bear marks.

### **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 access requirements are based on import conditions for bovine semen to Mauritius obtained from the Republic of Mauritius, Ministry of Agro-Industry & Fisheries, Division of Veterinary Services - Reduit.*

## **Additional Information on OMAR Notification: BOVSEMEC.MAU 02.02.06**

1. This is a new export certificate developed on the import conditions for bovine semen to Mauritius obtained from the Republic of Mauritius, Ministry of Agro-Industry & Fisheries, Division of Veterinary Services - Redit. On 21 September 2010 additional notes on clause 2 were added for clarity.
2. An import permit is required.
3. The import conditions contained in the import permit issued by the Ministry of Agro-industry & Food Security of the Republic of Mauritius may not accurately reflect the content of this certificate. Differences may include, but are not limited to:
  - Import conditions (Clause 1, 2, 3, 4(a), 4(b) and 4(c)) contain numerous references to directive 88/407/EEC which are not certified in this certificate
  - Clause 8 of the import conditions requires cultural examinations of semen samples with negative results for pathogenic bacteria and viruses, and normally accepted limits for total bacterial counts. This condition is not certified in the certificate.
  - Clause 9 of the import conditions requires all animals on the “A.B. center” to undergo tests, with negative results, for a variety of diseases, including brucellosis, at six monthly intervals. The export certificate certifies that donor bulls were tested, with negative results, to the list of diseases, excluding brucellosis, within the 12-month period immediately prior to semen collection.

In an email communication received on 9 August 2010 the Division of Veterinary Services of the Ministry of Agro-industry & Food Security of the Republic of Mauritius confirmed the acceptability of this export certificate for the export of bovine semen from New Zealand to Mauritius.

4. The semen collection centre is to provide information on the genetic quality of the donor bulls.

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'.