

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

Ref: AE-VU-05L

Date: 24 May 2010

OMAR B BOVSEMEC.VAN 24.05.10 – BOVINE SEMEN to THE REPUBLIC of VANUATU

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

- (i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled bovine semen to the Republic of Vanuatu
- (ii) Revoke OMAR B BOVSEMEC.VAN 02.02.06.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 26th day of August 2010.

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(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. The Republic of Vanuatu requirements

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

2.1 An Import Permit is required for the exportation of bovine semen to the Republic of Vanuatu.

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 New Zealand is free from bluetongue, brucellosis (*Brucella abortus*), bovine spongiform encephalopathy, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, epizootic haemorrhagic disease of deer, foot and mouth disease, lumpy skin disease, velogenic Newcastle disease, Q fever, rinderpest, rabies and vesicular stomatitis. Vaccination against these diseases is prohibited 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

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

2.2.2.3 is routinely inspected by an Official Veterinarian.

2.2.3 The semen collection centre has been free of the following diseases/organisms based upon testing and clinical inspections for the twelve (12) months prior to the first collection of semen for this consignment: bovine tuberculosis, bovine viral diarrhoea virus, *Campylobacteriosis fetus venerealis*, enzootic bovine leucosis, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis virus, leptospirosis, paratuberculosis (Johne's disease) and *Trichomonas foetus*.

2.2.4 The donor bull has lived continuously in New Zealand, and has resided in the herd of origin for at least thirty (30) days prior to entering the semen collection centre.

2.2.5 The herd of origin and the semen collection centre were free of any quarantine restrictions for at least ninety (90) days prior to collection of the first semen sample for this consignment.

2.2.6 The donor bull was resident in the semen collection centre, under veterinary supervision, for at least thirty (30) days prior to first collection of semen.

2.2.7 During the pre-collection period the donor bull did not perform natural service.

2.2.8 Once on the semen collection centre the donor bull was tested, with negative results, for the following diseases within the twelve (12) month period prior to semen collection:

2.2.8.1 *Campylobacter fetus* subsp *venerealis* using culture examination of preputial washings. Date of test.

2.2.8.2 *Trichomonas fetus* using direct microscopic examination and culture examination of preputial washings. Date of test.

2.2.8.3 bovine tuberculosis using an intradermal test using bovine tuberculin. Date of test.

2.2.8.4 enzootic bovine leucosis using:

Either: 2.2.8.4.1 AGID test

Or: 2.2.8.4.2 ELISA

Date of test.

2.2.8.5 infectious bovine rhinotracheitis virus using:

Either: 2.2.8.5.1 an ELISA or SNT

Or: 2.2.8.5.2 the donor bull having given a negative result to either an IBR ELISA or SNT is now routinely vaccinated with an inactivated IBR vaccine

Or: 2.2.8.5.3 semen from the donor bulls has been cultured or tested with a PCR

Date of test.

2.2.8.6 *Mycobacterium paratuberculosis* using:

Either: 2.2.8.6.1 CFT

Or: 2.2.8.6.2 ELISA

Date of test.

2.2.9 Prior to entering the semen collection centre the donor bull was tested, with negative results, for BVD virus using either an antigen ELISA, or PCR, or virus isolation. Once on the centre the semen from the donor bull has been tested, with negative results, using either a PCR, or virus isolation.

Date of semen test.

2.2.10 All laboratory testing was undertaken in a New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry approved laboratory.

2.2.11 The semen was processed, packaged and stored in accordance with the recommendations of the OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*.

2.2.12 Names and concentration of the antibiotics added to the diluent to be recorded on the export certificate (**to be deleted for semen imported into New Zealand**).

2.2.13 The shipping container is:

Either: 2.2.13.1 new

Or: 2.2.13.2 cleaned and disinfected

Product and concentration used for disinfection procedure to be recorded on the export certificate.

(To be deleted as appropriate)

2.2.14 Prior to export, the transportation flasks were sealed under veterinary supervision, using seals bearing marks to be recorded on the export certificate.

2.2.15 For semen originally imported in New Zealand:

2.2.15.1 The semen was imported into New Zealand under New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry's approved import conditions for use in New Zealand.

2.2.15.2 That while in New Zealand the semen was stored only with semen or embryos of the same health status.

2.2.15.3 That the semen straws listed in this consignment have been verified as being labelled or identified as per the original New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry's certification at the time of import into New Zealand.

2.3 The exporter of the semen detailed in the export certificate for semen imported into Vanuatu (date) under Import Permit number recorded must declare that of the donor animals:

2.3.1 All bulls of Angus or Angus derivation have been tested at sometime in their lives for mannosidosis with negative results using the granulocyte, serum or plasma test

2.3.2 All bulls of Brahman, Indu-Brazil, beef shorthorn or derived breeds have been at sometime in their lives been subjected to an approved test for heterozygotes for type 2 alpha-glycogenesis (Pompe's Disease) and found not to be a heterozygote

Donor animals and testing dates (test results to be attached to the export certificate).

4. 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 the export certificate for bovine semen to Republic of Vanuatu, dated 24 May 2010.

Additional Information on OMAR Notification: BOVSEMEC.VAN 24.05.10

1 This OMAR replaces that dated 2 February 2006. The changes include clarification around the status of imported semen, and editorial changes. It was approved by Vanuatu on 13 August 2010.

2. Clause 2.2.1 states 'Vaccination against these diseases is prohibited in New Zealand' refers specifically to the bovine species.

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'.