

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

Ref: AE-MY-09L

Date: 22 December 2011

OMAR B DOMANIEC.SAR 22.12.11 – CATS & DOGS to SARAWAK (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 Sarawak (Malaysia).

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 23rd day of December 2011.

Signed: Matthew Stone BVSc MVS MANZCVSc
Director Animal and Animal Products
Standards Branch
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. Sarawak (Malaysia) requirements

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

2.1 An Import Permit is required for the exportation of cats and dogs to Sarawak (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 New Zealand is officially free from rabies and no case of rabies has been reported in New Zealand during the six (6) months prior to export.

2.2.2 The animal has not been imported into New Zealand during the six (6) months prior to export. The animal has been continuously resident in New Zealand for at least six (6) months or since birth and is at least three (3) months of age prior to export.

2.2.3 The animal has been microchipped.

2.2.4 In the case of dogs:

2.2.4.1 The dog(s) has been vaccinated, within twelve (12) months prior to export against canine adenovirus type 2, canine distemper, canine parainfluenza and canine parvovirus.

2.2.5 In the case of cats:

2.2.5.1 The cat(s) has been vaccinated, within twelve (12) months prior to export against chlamydia psittaci, feline calicivirus, feline panleukopenia and feline rhinotracheitis.

2.2.6 The animal was examined and was found to be healthy and free from any clinical signs of rabies and infectious or contagious diseases of cats or dogs 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 Sarawak (Malaysia), dated 22 December 2011.

Additional Information for OMAR Notification: DOMANIEC.SAR 22.12.11

This OMAR replaces that dated 14 December 2004. The OMAR has been updated to align it with the latest import conditions of Sarawak – Conditions for Importing of Dogs and Cats from New Zealand (Revised 25 October 2011), which were received from the State Veterinary Authority of Sarawak. Acceptance of the certificate was received in an email dated 4 November 2011.

1. An Import Permit is required.
2. The issuing of an Import Permit is subject to the breed of the dog.

Banned Breeds: Akita, American Bulldog, Dogo Argentino, Fila Brasileiro, Japanese Tosa, Neapolitan Mastiff, Pit Bull Terrier, Pit Bull (also know as American Pit Bull, American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier and Staffordshire Bull Terrier)

Restricted Breeds: Bull Mastiff, Bull Terrier, Doberman, German Shepherd/Alsatian including Belgian Shepherd and East European Shepherd, Perro de Presa Canario (also known as the Canary Dog), and Rottweiler.

Conditions for the Approval of Importation of Restricted Breeds of Dogs:

An approval to import restricted breeds of dogs shall be obtained in writing from the State Veterinary Authority Sarawak, subject to the following conditions, prior to application of an import licence;

Dogs shall not be less than three (3) month of age at the time of export.

Dogs shall be identified using a pedigree certificate issued by an approved organisation in the country of export (Name and address of the organisation shall be specified).

Dogs shall be identified using an ISO (Std 11784 & 11785) compliant microchip and the identification codes clearly recorded in the pedigree certificate.

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.

The premise or residence of the dog shall be inspected by the State Veterinary Authority to verify facilities regarding the kennel, size of the compound, safety and control of the dog.

The importer shall provide a written declaration that the dog:

- is a personal pet and not intended for sale. (Importation of controlled breeds is allowed as a personal pet of the importer or for security purposes only)
- shall be kept secured within the compound at all times
- shall be kept on a leash and muzzled at all times in public areas
- shall be under the control of a trained and skilled handler at all times (for security dogs).

3. The animals must come direct to Kuching subject to transshipment at Kuala Lumpur/Singapore to catch the first available flight to Kuching.

Upon arrival at the port of entry the animal must be scanned and the microchip must correspond to that listed in the Zoosanitary Certificate. The microchip must be ISO (Std 11784 & 11785) compliant.

Advanced notice of the expected time of arrival should also be made to the State Veterinary Authority, Department of Agriculture, Semongkok Road, 12th Mile Kuching-Serian Road, Telephone No. 082-628255 or Kuching Airport Telephone No. 082-576105.

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'