

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

Ref: AE-SB 09L

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OMAR B DOMANIEC.SOL 24.08.05 – NON-COMMERCIAL DOGS and CATS to the SOLOMON ISLANDS

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999, I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled non-commercial dogs and cats to the Solomon Islands.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington on this 26th day of August 2005.

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

2. Solomon Islands Requirements

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

2.1 An import permit is required to export dogs and cats to the Solomon Islands.

2.2 An official veterinarian of New Zealand must certify that:

2.2.1 New Zealand is free from rabies and canine brucellosis.

2.2.2 The animal(s) is more than 4 months old at time of export.

2.2.3 The animal(s) has been desexed.

2.2.4 The animal(s) has originated from New Zealand.

2.2.5 The animal(s) has been examined within 48 hours of scheduled embarkation and found to be in good health and free from infectious or contagious disease, ticks, fleas and all other external parasites.

2.2.6 The animal(s) has been treated twice at an interval of two days with praziquantel (Drontal) at the recommended dose within 10 days of the scheduled date of export. Dates of treatment.

2.2.7 The animal(s) has undergone a treatment for roundworm, hookworm and whipworm with a registered medication within 10 days of export. Date of treatment, active ingredients and dosage used.

2.2.8 The animal(s) has been treated twice at an interval of seven days with the last treatment being within 72 hours of the scheduled date of shipment with a registered topical insecticidal treatment effective against ticks, lice and fleas. Dates of treatment, active ingredients and dosage used.

2.2.9 In the case of dogs:

2.2.9.1 The dog(s) has been vaccinated against distemper, hepatitis and parvovirus with a recognised registered vaccine within a period of 12 months prior to shipment and at least 1 month prior to export.

2.2.10 In the case of cats:

2.2.10.1 The cat(s) has been vaccinated against feline panleucopenia, rhinotracheitis and calicivirus with a registered vaccine, within the period of 12 months prior to shipment and at least 1 month prior to export.

3. Revocations

OMAR B DOGANIEC.SOL 05.08.03 – dogs to the Solomon Islands is revoked and replaced by this OMAR notification.

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

This OMAR is based on the conditions provided in the Specific Import Requirements for Dogs Schedule No A4 provided by the Solomon Islands Agriculture and Quarantine Service 23 July 2003 and the Specific Import Requirements for Cats Schedule No A1 provided by an exporter in July 2005.

Additional Information on OMAR notification: DOMANIEC.SOL 24.08.05

1. An import permit is required, and may be obtained by writing to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries (PO Box G13 Honiara, Solomon Islands).
2. MAFBNZ has noted discrepancies between the Import Permit for dogs and cats from New Zealand to the Solomon Islands and this current Export Certificate i.e. Clause 1 (g) of the Import Permit requires treatment with the insecticidal wash 'Ectodex' and clause 1 (h) requires cleaning of the ear canals with a registered insecticidal ear medication; whereas, the Export certificate has no such requirements. Note: the Import Permit that was sighted by MAFBNZ in 2008 was the same import permit that was used by the Solomon Islands when the current Export Certificate was updated and was updated by MAFBNZ and agreed to by the Solomon Islands authorities in 2005. Therefore, MAFBNZ believe that the Solomon Islands use a generic Import Permit template that has not been updated specifically to match the currently agreed New Zealand export protocol.
3. Clause 2.2.4 of the export certificate: 'originated' relates to the animal having resided in New Zealand.
4. Heartworm is endemic in the Solomon Islands. New Zealanders who take their dogs to countries where canine heartworm is endemic should ensure that the dogs are given prophylactic treatment according to the manufacturer's recommendation with avermectin drugs effective against the fourth stage larvae of *Dirofilaria immitis* which causes canine heartworm.
5. This certificate is based on the conditions provided in the Specific Import Requirements for Dogs Schedule No A4 provided by the Solomon Islands Agriculture and Quarantine Service 23 July 2003 and the Specific Import Requirements for Cats Schedule No A1 provided by an exporter in July 2005.
6. The following dogs are prohibited from export to the Solomon Islands – Pitbull Terrier, Japanese Tosa, Fila Brasileiro, and Dogo Argentino. This includes purebred and crossbred dogs.