

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

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OMAR B DOMANIEC.SAF 20.01.09 – DOGS AND CATS TO THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999, I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled dogs and cats to the Republic of South Africa.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington on this 23rd day of January 2009.

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(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. The Republic of South Africa Requirements

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

2.1 An Import Permit is required for the exportation of dogs and cats to the Republic of South Africa.

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

2.2.1 New Zealand is free of rabies, *Trypanosoma evansi* (surra), *Babesia gibsoni*, *Leishmania donovani*, *Leishmania chagasi*, *Brucella canis* and endemic infection with *Dirofilaria immitis* (heartworm)

2.2.2 The animals have either been continuously resident in New Zealand since birth or have been continuously resident in New Zealand or South Africa for the last six months.

2.2.3 The animals originated from an area that is not under official veterinary restrictions for any disease to which dogs and cats are susceptible.

2.2.4 The animals were treated with an anthelmintic effective against internal parasites at the recommended dose rate, within 10 days of the scheduled date of departure.

2.2.5 The animals were examined clinically by an Official Veterinarian within 10 days of export and were found to be free of external parasites, contagious and infectious diseases to which the species is susceptible and fit to travel.

2.2.6 The animals are to be shipped in containers which conform to IATA regulations, which are either new or suitably disinfected and fumigated before loading and are of such a nature that direct contact with other animals of a lesser health status, en route, will be prevented.

3. Revocations

DOMANIEC.SAF 30.07.06 – dogs and cats to the Republic of South Africa 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

These overseas market access requirements are based on the export certificate for cats and dogs to the Republic of South Africa dated 20 January 2009.

Additional Information on OMAR Notification: DOMANIEC.SAF 20.01.09

- 1 This OMAR replaces the previous one dated 20 July 2006. The OMAR was updated to remove the need for an internal examination from clause 2.2.5. There were also minor editorial changes made.
- 2 Rabies vaccination is not required for animals coming from NZ, Australia or UK.
- 3 The animal must be identifiable by microchip prior to export to South Africa.
- 4 The importer accepts the sole responsibility to ensure that the animal exported complies with the attached conditions and understands his/her duties in this regard.
- 5 The animal must be accompanied by:
 - 5.1 The original Veterinary Import Permit.
 - 5.2 This export certificate must be signed within 10 days of departure, by an Official Veterinarian authorised by the New Zealand Government.
- 6 The arrival of the animals must be reported to the Quarantine Master at the port of entry. The information pertaining to this will be supplied on the Import Permit (the animal will not be permitted to land without the Masters written permission).
- 7 The animal will not require quarantine providing all the necessary conditions of the import health certificate are met.
- 8 Certification of clause 2.2.3 of the OMAR, relating to official veterinary restrictions, is not affected by the existence of the Biosecurity (declaration of a controlled area) Notice 1204 of 2 August 2001, which stipulates control on feeding raw offal to dogs in relation to hydatids. New Zealand declared official freedom from hydatids in 2002.

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'.