

Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999 - Standards Branch, Animal and Animal Products Directorate, Ministry for Primary Industries

Ref: AE-LK-09L
Date: 10 July 2012

OMAR B DOMANIEC.SRI 10.07.12 – DOGS and CATS to SRI LANKA

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

- (i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled dogs and cats to Sri Lanka
- (ii) Revoke OMAR B DOMANIEC.SRI 27.04.06.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington on this 17th day of August 2012.

Signed: Marnie Thomas BSCBVMS, MANZCVSc
Acting Manager Import and Export Animals
Animal and Animal Products Directorate
Standards Branch
(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. Sri Lanka Requirements

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

- 2.1 An Import Permit is required for the exportation of dogs and cats to Sri Lanka.
- 2.2 An Official Veterinarian of New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry must certify, after due enquiry, the following:

2.2.1 New Zealand is free of rabies, endemic infection with heartworm (*Dirofilaria immitis*), Aujeszky's disease, canine babesiosis, leishmaniasis and bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

2.2.2 In the case of rabies vaccination:

Either* 2.2.2.1 The animal(s) has been vaccinated against rabies using an anti-rabies vaccine conforming to the potency standard given by the World Health Organisation (WHO), not less than thirty (30) days and not more than six (6) months prior to export

Or* 2.2.2.2 In the case of an animal under the age of three (3) months, the dam of the animal was vaccinated against rabies not less than thirty (30) days and not more than six (6) months prior to the birth of this animal.

* To be deleted as applicable

2.2.3 In the case of dogs:

2.2.3.1 The dog(s) has been kept in New Zealand since birth, or for six (6) months immediately prior to the scheduled date of export.

2.2.3.2 The dog(s) has been found to be clinically healthy and was free from clinical signs of any infectious or contagious disease, including leptospirosis, canine distemper, canine hepatitis, canine parvovirus and dermatomycosis, at the time of export.

2.2.3.3 The dog(s) has been vaccinated against canine distemper, canine hepatitis, leptospirosis and parvovirus not less than twenty one (21) days prior and not more than four (4) months prior to the scheduled date of export, with vaccines that are registered in New Zealand for the use in dogs.

2.2.3.4 The dog(s) has been treated with a broad spectrum anthelmintic within seven (7) days of export, using a product that is registered in New Zealand for the treatment of internal helminthiasis in dogs.

2.2.3.5 The dog(s) has been treated with a parasiticide within seven (7) days of export, using a product that is registered in New Zealand for the treatment of external parasites in dogs.

2.2.4 In the case of cats:

2.2.4.1 The cat(s) has been found to be clinically healthy and was free from clinical signs of any infectious or contagious disease, including leptospirosis, at the time of export.

2.2.4.2 The cat(s) has been vaccinated against feline panleucopaenia not less than thirty (30) days prior and not more than six (6) months prior to export.

2.2.4.3 The cat(s) has been treated with a broad spectrum anthelmintic within seven (7) days of export, using a product that is registered in New Zealand for the treatment of internal helminthiasis in cats.

2.2.4.4 The cat(s) has been treated with a parasiticide within seven (7) days of export, using a product that is registered in New Zealand for the treatment of external parasites in cats.

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 export certificate for dogs and cats to Sri Lanka, dated 10 July 2012.

Additional Information on OMAR Notification: DOMANIEC.SRI 10.07.12

1. This OMAR replaces the previous one dated 27 April 2006. This OMAR has been updated to include the requirement for rabies vaccination and country freedom from leishmaniasis. It was approved for use by Dr T. A. C. Tiskumara in August 2012. The 2006 export certificate was based on the 'Requirements for Importation of Dogs and Cats into Sri Lanka', received via the importer from Dr. SKR Amarasekara (DG/DAPH) (2006).
2. An Import Permit is required. This can be obtained from the Director General, Department of Animal Production and Health, Fax: + 94 081 2389342 or online:
http://www.daph.gov.lk/web/index.php?option=com_daph_applications&Itemid=100&lang=en. The permit must be obtained at least two (2) weeks prior to export, and will be valid for ninety (90) days from the date of issue.
3. Imported dogs/cats will be subjected to a quarantine inspection at Katunayake Airport. If necessary, samples will be taken for testing.
4. Imported dogs/cats will be subjected to a post-export quarantine period of thirty (30) days in the 'owner's premises'. For this, the importer must sign the *Quarantine Surveillance Agreement* with the Animal Quarantine Officer at Katunayake Airport, at the time of importation. The exact location of the premises (including full address and telephone number), where the imported dogs/cats are going to be kept, must be provided by the importer in the *Quarantine Surveillance Agreement*.
5. Import conditions state that dog/cat has not been in contact with any animals showing any clinical signs of various diseases in the three (3) months prior to export. The Sri Lankan Department of Animal Production and Health has accepted that the country freedom clause in combination with clauses 2.5 and 2.7 of the export certificate adequately cover this requirement.

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'.