



Dogs and Cats to Singapore (OMAR)

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Animal Products Notice: Dogs and Cats to Singapore (OMAR)

COMMENCEMENT

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 22 November 2024

REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- PETANI.SG 06 September 2017 – Dogs and Cats to Singapore

ISSUING AUTHORITY

This Animal Products Notice is issued under sections 167(1) and 60(1) of the Animal Products Act 1999.

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Introduction

This introduction is not part of the Animal Products Notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to set out the zoosanitary requirements necessary to export compliant dogs and cats from New Zealand to Singapore.

Background

The Animal Products Act 1999 provides the controls and mechanisms needed to give and to safeguard official assurances or zoosanitary certificates to facilitate the entry of animal material including live animals, hatching eggs, semen and embryos, and products into overseas markets.

Notices issued as Overseas Market Access Requirements (OMARs) under section 60(1)(a) and (b) of the Animal Products Act specify the requirements that are necessary or desirable for the purpose of facilitating access to overseas markets or are in accordance with the requirements of the relevant authority of the importing country.

OMARs may also determine the form and content of the official assurances that can be issued for animal material or product, including live animals, hatching eggs, semen or embryos, which meet the specified requirements.

Where the OMAR determines the form and content of the official assurances, a separate export certificate template is available to authorised persons, recognised persons and registered exporters who have applied for access to the certificate templates, to facilitate the completion and issuing of the relevant official assurance. That template will be an amendable version of the form set in the OMAR.

Notices issued under section 60(1)(c) of the Animal Products Act to safeguard the assurances provided by New Zealand, and guidance in the form of Operational Codes, should be read in conjunction with this Notice.

This OMAR specifies the requirements that must be met by exporters of dogs and cats to be exported from New Zealand to Singapore and determines the form and content of the official assurance that must accompany the dogs and cats to be exported. The OMAR was issued after consultation with industry and the Animal & Veterinary Service (AVS) of the Singapore National Parks Board. It is based on the *ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT (CHAP.7) - VETERINARY CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF DOGS/CATS FOR COUNTRIES/REGIONS UNDER SCHEDULE 1 (1/4), A-1/150324*.

Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of dogs and cats to Singapore.

Why is this important?

This Notice is important because it sets out the requirements that need to be met so that the Director-General of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) can certify that the dogs and cats meet the requirements for export to Singapore which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of Singapore, has determined will apply. It should be noted that although the dogs and cats may comply with these requirements and be given an official assurance (by way of a certificate), the importing country ultimately retains control over what dogs and cats it clears for entry.

Document History

Refer to *Appendix 1*

Other information

Export non-conformances

Exporters should note that, under section 51 of the Animal Products Act 1999, where they have exported animal material or products, including live animals, hatching eggs, semen and embryos, that are refused entry by the foreign government they have a statutory duty to notify the Director-General of MPI not later than 24 hours after they have first knowledge of the event.

Liability

Section 61A of the Animal Products Act 1999 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.

Related documents

OMAR documents can be downloaded from <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/export-requirements/omars-for-live-animals-semen-and-embryos/>

When you click on the + symbol on the right-hand side of any OMAR document, you can view the related information and documents (guidance document and export certificate template).

The export certificate for this OMAR is provided for in *Dogs and Cats to Singapore (Export Certificate)*. The export certificate is password-protected through a RealMe ® account.

Part 1: Requirements

1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to the export of dogs and cats from New Zealand to Singapore.

1.2 Definitions

- (1) In this Notice, unless the context otherwise requires:

Act means the Animal Products Act 1999

AVS means the Animal & Veterinary Services of the National Parks Board of Singapore.

NParks means the National Parks Board of Singapore.

NParks/AVS Import Licence means import permit.

- (2) A term used in this Notice that is defined in the Act or the following Notices (or their successors) has the meaning given to it in the Act or that Notice:

- a) [Animal Products Notice: Official Assurances Requirements](#).

1.3 Requirements for export

- (1) Dogs and cats exported from New Zealand to Singapore must be accompanied by an official assurance in the form of a zoosanitary certificate, a sample version of which is included in Part 2.
- (2) A zoosanitary certificate must be completed and issued by an authorised person.
- (3) In order to issue a zoosanitary certificate, the authorised person must be satisfied that:
 - a) A Nparks/AVS Import Licence to import the dogs and cats has been issued by the competent authority of Singapore.
 - b) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice.

1.4 Specific requirements for the zoosanitary certificate

- (1) The zoosanitary certificate must not be issued more than 7 days prior to export.

Part 2: Zoosanitary Certificate



Certificate No:

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

VETERINARY CERTIFICATE FOR THE IMPORT OF DOGS AND CATS INTO SINGAPORE
For Schedule 1 countries/regions: Australia, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, United Kingdom

NParks/AVS Import Licence No.: _____ Veterinary Certificate No. (if applicable): _____

N.B. A valid NParks/AVA Import Licence to import the dog/cat must be obtained before shipment.

SECTION I IDENTIFICATION OF THE DOG/CAT

Species: _____

Breed: _____

Name of animal: _____

Sex (delete as appropriate): Male Neutered Male Female Neutered female

Age or Date of Birth: _____ (animal must be at least 12 weeks of age at the time of export)

Colour: _____

[N.B. The following breeds and their crosses are prohibited for import: Pit Bull (including the American Pit Bull Terrier also known as the American Pit Bull and Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, the American Bulldog, and crosses between them and other breeds), Neapolitan Mastiff, Tosa, Akita, Dogo Argentino, Boerboel, Fila Brasileiro, Perro de Presa Canario and their crosses; Bengal and Savannah cat crosses of 4th generation and below.]

Microchip Number: _____

The animal has been scanned on _____ (day/month/year) prior to export and found to be implanted with a microchip bearing the above microchip number, which is also reflected on the animal's vaccination certificate.

SECTION II ORIGIN OF THE DOG/CAT (indicate the option that applies)

After due enquiry I am satisfied that the dog/cat (delete as appropriate) identified in this certificate has been continuously resident in the country/region of export:

(a) since birth, or

continuously resident in the country/region of export or in other countries listed in Schedule 1:

(b) since being imported directly from Singapore on _____ (day/month/year), or

(c) for a minimum period of 6 months prior to export, and is not under quarantine restriction at the time of export.

SECTION III SANITARY INFORMATION

I, _____ (Name in BLOCK LETTERS), the undersigned veterinarian, being a Government approved veterinarian / Official government veterinarian (delete as appropriate) of New Zealand, certify in respect of the dog/cat (delete as appropriate) described above that:

General Vaccinations (strike out whichever does not apply)**For dogs under sixteen (16) weeks of age at the time of export:**

The dog was vaccinated against Canine Distemper virus, Canine Adenovirus type 1 and Canine parvovirus type 2 according to manufacturer's recommendations with at least two vaccinations, with the first vaccination administered at no earlier than six weeks of age, and the second vaccination must be given at least 14 days prior to export.

Canine Distemper: _____ (day/month/year)

Canine Adenovirus type 1: _____ (day/month/year)

Canine Parvovirus type 2: _____ (day/month/year)

Canine Distemper: _____ (day/month/year)

Canine Adenovirus type 1: _____ (day/month/year)

Canine Parvovirus type 2: _____ (day/month/year)

For dogs sixteen (16) weeks of age and above at the time of export:

The dog was vaccinated against Canine Distemper, Canine Adenovirus type 1, and Canine Parvovirus type 2 according to the vaccine manufacturer's recommendations and at least 14 days prior to export.

Date of vaccinations:

Canine Distemper: _____ (day/month/year)

Canine Adenovirus type 1: _____ (day/month/year)

Canine Parvovirus type 2: _____ (day/month/year)

For cats under sixteen (16) weeks of age at the time of export:

The cat was vaccinated against Feline calicivirus, Feline Herpesvirus- 1 and Feline Panleukopaenia virus according to manufacturer's recommendations with at least 2 vaccinations, with the first vaccination administered at no earlier than six weeks of age, and the second vaccination must be given at least 14 days prior to export.

Date of vaccinations:

Feline Calicivirus: _____ (day/month/year)

Feline Rhinotracheitis Virus: _____ (day/month/year)

Feline Panleukopenia Virus: _____ (day/month/year)

Feline Calicivirus: _____ (day/month/year)

Feline Rhinotracheitis Virus: _____ (day/month/year)

Feline Panleukopenia Virus: _____ (day/month/year)

For cats sixteen (16) weeks of age and above at the time of export:

The cat was vaccinated against Feline calicivirus, Feline Herpesvirus- 1 and Feline Panleukopaenia virus, according to the vaccine manufacturer's recommendations and at least 14 days prior to export.

Certificate No:

Date of vaccinations:

Feline Calicivirus: _____ (day/month/year)

Feline Rhinotracheitis Virus: _____ (day/month/year)

Feline Panleukopenia Virus: _____ (day/month/year)

Rabies Vaccinations

Not required. Dog/cat imported under this protocol does not require quarantine upon import.

External Parasite Treatment

The dog/cat was treated with a product effective against external parasites (fleas and ticks) between 2 and 7 days of export.

Date of treatment: _____ (day/month/year)

Name of product: _____

Active ingredient: _____

Internal Parasite Treatment

The dog/cat was treated with a product effective against internal parasites (nematodes and cestodes) between 2 and 7 days of export.

Date of treatment: _____ (day/month/year)

Name of product: _____

Active ingredient: _____

Pregnancy (for females)

After due enquiry, I am satisfied that the animal is not pregnant at the time of export.

Prohibited breeds

After due enquiry, I am satisfied that the animal is not one of the prohibited breeds or crosses as listed in Section I.

Clinical examination

I have examined the dog/cat and found it to be healthy, free from any clinical sign of infectious or contagious disease and fit for travel at the time of export.

Endorsement

Sections I to III may be endorsed by a government-approved veterinarian or an official government veterinarian.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ (day/month/year)

Name of government-approved veterinarian or an official government veterinarian (delete as appropriate):

Address, telephone, fax, email of practice: _____

SECTION IV (must be endorsed by official government veterinarian)

I, _____ (Name in BLOCK LETTERS), the undersigned veterinarian, being an Official government veterinarian of New Zealand, certify in respect of the dog/cat (delete as appropriate) described above that:

After due enquiry and examination of documents, the dog/cat is not under quarantine restriction at the time of export.

No case of rabies has been reported in New Zealand for at least twenty-four (24) months prior to the date of export.

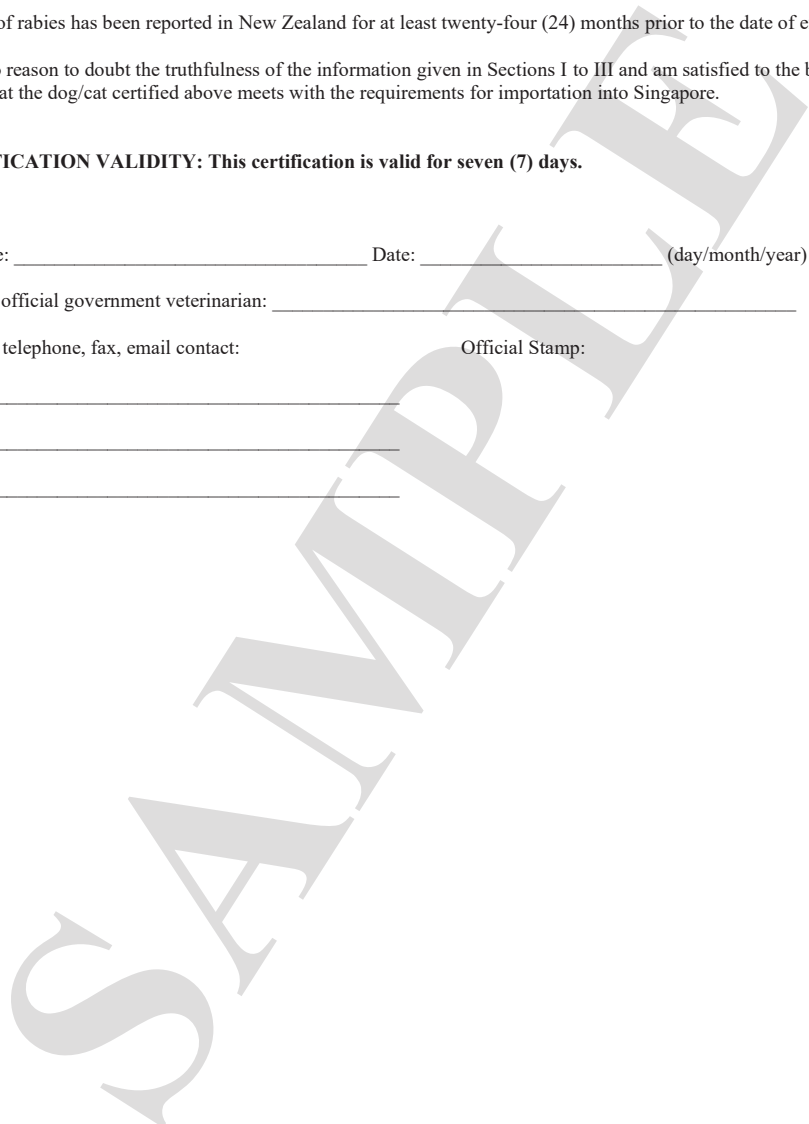
I have no reason to doubt the truthfulness of the information given in Sections I to III and am satisfied to the best of my ability that the dog/cat certified above meets with the requirements for importation into Singapore.

CERTIFICATION VALIDITY: This certification is valid for seven (7) days.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ (day/month/year)

Name of official government veterinarian: _____

Address, telephone, fax, email contact: _____ Official Stamp: _____



Appendix 1 – Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
22 November 2024	All sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New OMAR Format
	Part 2 - Zoosanitary certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor updates to the published model certificate which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The categorisation of New Zealand as a Schedule 1 country. – Updating of the vaccinations to specify Adenovirus type 1 and Canine Parvovirus type 2. – Updating the period of rabies freedom from 12 months to 24 months. • Removal of the requirement for applying an official seal to the crate. • Removal of the declarations not requiring official endorsement from the official assurance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>“Declaration by captain/ authorised airline staff of aircraft carrying live dogs/cats for import into Singapore.”</i> – <i>“Declaration by airport/airline staff (required if the seal of the pet carrier is broken during the flight journey).”</i>