



Equine Semen to the United States of America (OMAR)

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TITLE

Animal Products Notice: Equine Semen to the United States of America (OMAR)

COMMENCEMENT

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 11 September 2019

REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- *EQUSEMEC.US, 10 May 2013 – Equine Semen to the United States of America*

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 equine semen from New Zealand to United States of America.

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 Codes of Practice, should be read in conjunction with this Notice.

This OMAR specifies the requirements that must be met by exporters of equine semen to be exported from New Zealand to the United States of America and determines the form and content of the official assurance that must accompany the equine semen to be exported. The OMAR was issued after consultation with industry and the United States of America. It is based on the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) *Model Veterinary Health Certificate for Importation of Equine Semen into the United States from Regions Free of Contagious Equine Metritis*, 2019.

Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of equine semen to the United States of America.

Operators of Export Approved Premises collecting equine semen for export to the United States of America.

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 equine semen meets the requirements for export to the United States of America which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of the United States of America, has determined will apply. It should be noted that although the

equine semen may comply with these requirements and be given an official assurance (by way of a certificate), the importing country ultimately retains control over what equine semen it clears for entry.

Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
11 September 2019	All sections	New OMAR format Updated certificate based on new import requirements as published by the USDA in the model certificates

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/law-and-policy/requirements/omars-overseas-market-access-requirements/omars-live-animals-semen-embryos-organics/>

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 *Equine Semen to the United States of America (Export Certificate)*. The export certificate is password-protected.

Part 1: Requirements

1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to the export of frozen equine semen from New Zealand to the United States of America.

1.2 Definitions

- (1) In this Notice, unless the context otherwise requires:
Act means the Animal Products Act 1999
- (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 Specifications for Animal Material and Animal Products.](#)
 - b) [Animal Products Notice: Specifications for Laboratories.](#)

1.3 Requirements for export

- (1) Equine semen exported from New Zealand to the United States of America must be accompanied by an official assurance in the form of a zoosanitary certificate as specified 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 permit to import the equine semen has been issued by the competent authority of the United States of America.
 - b) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice

1.4 Laboratories

- (1) Where this Notice requires laboratory testing to be undertaken the testing must be done in laboratories operating in accordance with the Recognised Laboratory Programme (RLP) unless otherwise stated.

Part 2: Zoosanitary Certificate



Certificate No:

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Commodity: EQUINE SEMEN
 To: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND
 Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES
 Import Permit No.:

I: INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DONOR ANIMAL(S) AND SEMEN

Name	Breed	*Microchip No. / Brand / Tattoo / Silhouette	Date of semen collection	Straw identification	Number of straws

** If applicable*

Total number of straws in the consignment:

II: ORIGIN OF THE SEMEN

Name, address and approval number of the semen collection centre:

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Name and address of the exporter:

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III: DESTINATION OF THE SEMEN

Name and address of the consignee:

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Means of transport:

Port of embarkation:

Scheduled date of export:

IV: SANITARY INFORMATION**VETERINARY CERTIFICATE**

I,, an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries, certify with respect to the semen and donor animal(s) identified in the attached Zoosanitary Certificate that:

1 COUNTRY FREEDOM

- 1.1 New Zealand is free from African Horse Sickness, and highly pathogenic avian influenza.
- 1.2 New Zealand is free from foot and mouth disease, and Newcastle disease, as recognised by APHIS.

2 DONOR STALLION

- 2.1 For at least sixty (60) days prior to collection the donor animal(s) was not under restrictions due to notifiable infectious diseases of equids.
- 2.2 The donor animal(s) was not used for natural breeding for the 15 days immediately prior to semen collection until the completion of semen collection for export to the United States of America.
- 2.3 The donor animal(s) was free from clinical evidence of communicable disease transmissible in semen on the day of collection of the semen for export.

3 SEMEN COLLECTION, PROCESSING AND STORAGE

- 3.1 The semen was collected, processed, and stored in a semen collection and processing centre(s) approved by the Ministry for Primary Industries, under the supervision of the approved centre veterinarian.
- 3.2 Prior to use, all equipment used to collect, process and ship semen was either new, or cleaned and disinfected under the supervision of the approved centre veterinarian.
- 3.3 Any milk or eggs used as a semen extender originated from New Zealand.
- 3.4 The semen was placed in individual ampoules or straws which were permanently marked with the identification of the donor, the date of collection, and the name or approval number of the semen collection centre.
- 3.5 After collection and until dispatch, the semen was held in containers with semen that was at least of an equivalent health status.

4. TRANSPORT

- 4.1 The transport container(s) contains only new liquid nitrogen and is:

Either [4.1.1 new]*

Or [4.1.2 cleaned and disinfected]*

** Delete as applicable*

- 4.2 Prior to shipment, the container with the semen identified above was sealed with an official seal by an Official Veterinarian.

Certificate No:

Number of the seal:

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Signature Official Veterinarian
New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

.....
Official stamp and date

Name and address:.....
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NB: The Official Veterinarian must sign, date and stamp each page of the veterinary certificate using a different colour ink to the paper and the print, and, where applicable, sign, date and stamp each page of the documents (e.g. laboratory reports) that form part of the extended health certification.