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Ovine embryos to Argentina (OMAR)

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TITLE

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COMMENCEMENT

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REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- Ovine embryos to Argentina (OMAR) AE-AR-05, dated 27 May 2014.

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 ovine embryo from New Zealand to Argentina.

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 ovine embryo to be exported from New Zealand to Argentina and determines the form and content of the official assurance that must accompany the ovine embryo to be exported. The OMAR was issued after consultation with industry and Argentina. It is based on the resolution18/19 of MERCOSUR.

Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of ovine embryos to Argentina.

Operators of Export Approved Premises collecting ovine embryo for export to Argentina.

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 ovine embryo meets the requirements for export to Argentina which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of Argentina, has determined will apply. It should be noted that although the ovine embryo may comply with these requirements and be given an official assurance (by way of a certificate), the importing country ultimately retains control over what ovine embryo it clears for entry.

Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
07 February 2023	All sections	New OMAR format.
	Part 2	Updates to the Export Certificate to reflect changes in Mercosur requirements Resolution18/19.

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 ovine embryo *to Argentina (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 ovine embryos from New Zealand to Argentina.

1.2 Definitions

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

Act means the Animal Products Act 1999.

Container means any crate, box, receptacle or other rigid structure used for the transport of germinal products which is not the means of transport.

Senasa (Servicio Nacional de Sanidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria) means National Food Safety and Quality Service.

Embryo collection team means a group of competent technicians, including at least one veterinarian, to perform the collection, processing and storage of embryos.

(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: Recognised Laboratories.*
c) *Animal Products Notice: Export Approved Premises*.

1.3 Requirements for export

(1) Ovine embryo exported from New Zealand to Argentina 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 permit to import the ovine embryo(s) has been issued by the competent authority of Argentina.
b) Collection of samples for testing must be supervised by an Official Veterinarian or a team veterinarian approved by MPI.
c) The integrity of the cryogenic containers and the corresponding seals must be verified prior to departure.
d) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice.

1.4 Specific requirements for the zoosanitary certificate

(1) In reference to clause (5.4), foetal calf serum, albumin serum and any other animal product derived from ruminants, must only be sourced from countries recognised by the WOAH as having insignificant risk or controlled risk and no reported cases of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy.

1.5 Laboratories

(1) Where this Notice requires laboratory testing to be undertaken for official purposes, the testing, unless otherwise stated, must be done in laboratories recognised by MPI for this testing.

Part 2: Zoosanitary Certificate

Certificate No: ……

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE / *CERTIFICADO ZOOSANITARIO*

Commodity: OVINE EMBRYOS
Producto: *EMBRIONES OVINOS*

To: ARGENTINA
Para: *ARGENTINA*

Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND
País Exportador: *NUEVA ZELANDIA*

Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES
Autoridad competente:

Import Permit Number: .....
Permiso de importación Nº:

I. ORIGIN / *PROCEDENCIA:*

Name and address of exporter / *Nombre y dirección del exportador*	
Name and address of the embryo collection center or team / *Nombre y dirección del centro o equipo de recolección de embriones*	
Registration number of the embryo collection center or team / *Número de Registro del centro o equipo de recolección de embriones*	
Number of containers (in numbers and letters) / *Cantidad de contenedores (en números y letras)*	
Number of the seal(s) of the container(s) / *Número del (os) precinto(s) del(os) contenedores*	

II. DESTINATION / *DESTINO:*

Name of importer / *Nombre del importador*	
Address of importer / *Dirección del importador*	

III. TRANSPORT / *TRANSPORTE:*

Means of transport / *Medio de transporte*	
Port of departure / *Puerto de salida*	

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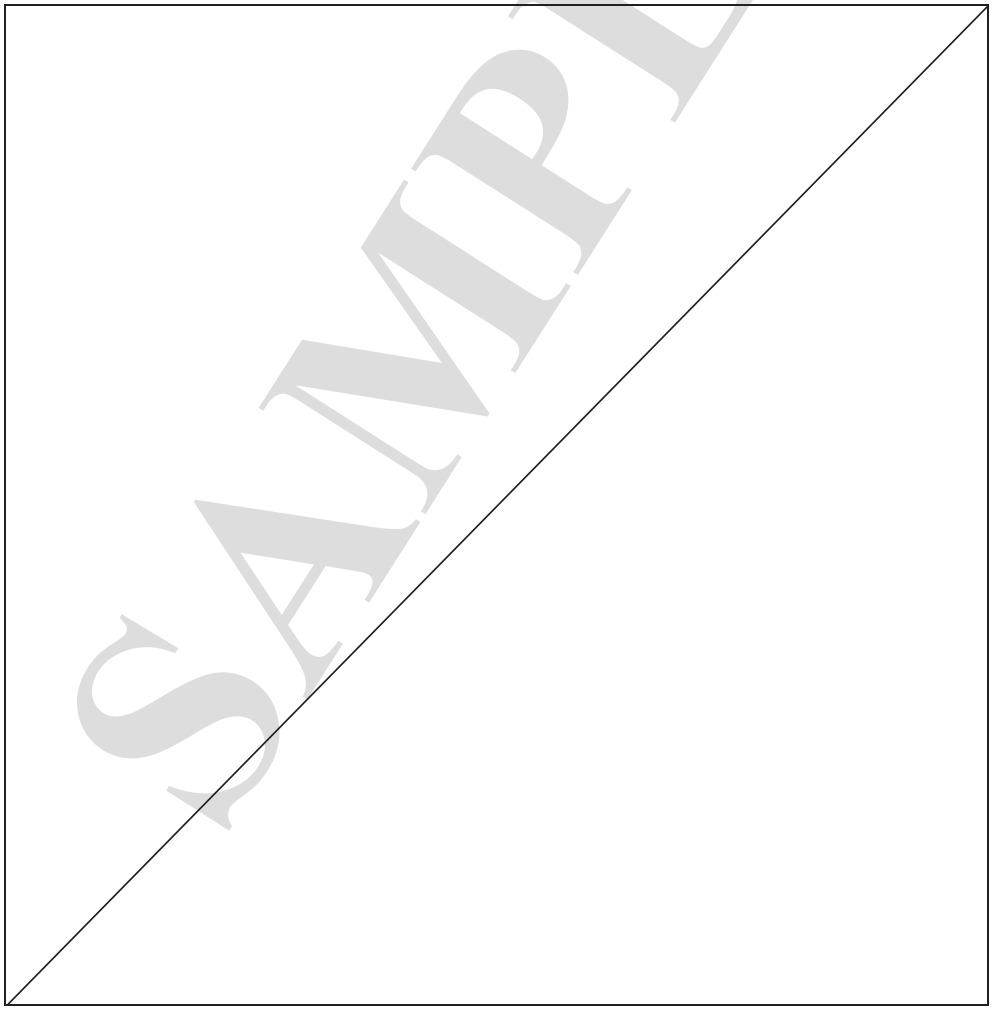
IV. IDENTIFICATION OF THE EMBRYOS / *IDENTIFICACIÓN DE LOS EMBRIONES*:

Name/ Registration Nº of the female donor / *Nombre/ Nº de registro de la hembra donante*	Name/ Registration Nº of the male donor / *Nombre/ Nº de registro del macho donante*	Breed/ *Raza*	Date of collection / *Fecha de recolección*	Quantity of embryos / *Cantidad de embriones*	Identification of the straws / *Identificación de las pajuelas*



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Certificate No: …..……..……..……

V. ZOOSANITARY INFORMATION / *INFORMACIÓN ZOOSANITARIA*

I, ..., an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries, certify, after due enquiry in regard to the animals and embryo(s) listed in the export certificate, that: /

Yo, ... como Veterinario Oficial del Ministry for Primary Industries de Nueva Zelandia certifico que, luego de las verificaciones correspondientes relacionadas a los animales y el embriones identificados en el certificado zoosanitario:

1. COUNTRY FREEDOM / *PAÍS LIBRE DE*

1.1 New Zealand is free from the following diseases: bluetongue, brucellosis (*Brucella abortus* and *B. melitensis*), contagious agalactia, enzootic abortion of ewes (*Chlamydia abortus*), Maedi-visna, peste des petits ruminants, Rift Valley fever, and sheep and goat pox /
Oficialmente Nueva Zelandia está libre de las siguientes enfermedades: lengua azul, brucelosis (Brucella abortus y B. melitensis), Agalactia contagiosa, aborto enzoótico de las ovejas (Chlamydia abortus), Maedi visna, de peste de los pequeños rumiantes, Fiebre del Valle del Rift, y viruela ovina y caprina.

1.2 New Zealand is officially recognised free from foot and mouth disease (FMD) where vaccination is not practised, by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) /
Nueva Zelandia esta oficialmente reconocida por la WOAH como libre de Fiebre Aftosa sin vacunación.

1.3 New Zealand complies with the conditions set out in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the WOAH to be recognized as a country free of scrapie /
Nueva Zelandia cumple con las condiciones establecidas en el Código Terrestre de la WOAH para ser reconocida como pais libre de Prurigo Lumbar (Scrapie).

1.4 The embryo donor(s) and their sire(s) and dam(s) were born and bred in New Zealand or in another country with equal or superior health status in respect to scrapie /
Los donantes de embriones han nacido y crecido en Nueva Zelandia; y sus antepasados inmediatos o bien han nacido y crecido en Nueva Zelandia o en otro país con un estado de salud igual o superior con respecto lo Prurigo Lumbar (Scrapie).

1.5 No cases of disease caused by Schmallenberg virus have been detected or reported in New Zealand /
No se han detectado ni notificado casos de enfermedad causada por el virus de Schmallenberg en Nueva Zelandia.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF ORIGIN / *ESTABLECIMIENTO DE ORIGEN*

2.1 The embryo donor(s) came from premises that have not been located in areas under sanitary restrictions due to notifiable infectious diseases of sheep and goats during the twenty-four (24) months prior to collection /
No esté localizado en zonas con restricciones sanitarias relativas a las enfermedades de los ovinos, cuya transmisión pueda ocurrir por medio de los embriones.

2.2 The embryo donor(s) came from premises where there has been no entry of animals susceptible to sheep diseases, which had a lower sanitary condition /
No ha habido ingreso de animales susceptibles de enfermedades de los ovinos, que tuviesen una condición sanitaria inferior.

2.3 The embryo donor(s) came from premises where no cases of ovine pulmonary adenomatosis have been officially reported in the two (2) years prior to the collection of embryos /
No se han reportado oficialmente casos de Adenomatosis pulmonar ovina en los dos (2) años previos a la recolección de embriones.

2.4 The embryo donor(s) came from premises where no cases of Q Fever have been officially reported in the twelve (12) months prior to the collection of embryos /
No se han reportado oficialmente casos de Fiebre Q en los doce (12) meses previos a la recolección de embriones.

2.5 The embryo donor(s) came from premises where no cases of ovine epididymitis (*Brucella ovis*) and tuberculosis have been officially reported during six (6) months prior to embryo collection /
No se han reportado oficialmente casos de Epididimitis ovina (Brucella ovis) y durante los seis (6) meses previos a la recolección de embriones.

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2.6 The embryo donor(s) came from premises where no cases of vesicular stomatitis have been officially reported in the twenty-one (21) days prior to the collection /
No se han reportado oficialmente casos de Estomatitis vesicular en los veintiún (21) días previos a la recolección.

3. DONOR ANIMAL(S) / *DE LAS DONANTES DE LOS EMBRIONES*

3.1 The embryo donor(s) were born and raised in New Zealand or have been resident in New Zealand for a period of at least ninety (90) days prior to embryo collection /
Las donantes nacieron y fueron criados en Nueva Zealandia o han permanecido en Nueva Zelandia por lo menos noventa (90) días anteriores a la recolección de los embriones.

3.2 The embryo donor(s) have remained at the premises where the embryo(s) were collected for at least thirty (30) days prior to and thirty (30) days after collection, and during this time were kept separate from sheep not of an equivalent health status /
Los donantes de embriones han permanecido en las instalaciones de origen durante al menos treinta (30) días antes y treinta (30) días posteriores a la recolección, y durante este tiempo se mantuvieron separados de ovejas con un estado de salud no equivalente.

3.3 The embryo donor(s) did not present clinical evidence of infectious diseases of the species for at least thirty (30) days before and thirty (30) days after collection /
Los donantes de embriones no presentaron evidencia clínica de enfermedades infectocontagiosas propias de la especie durante al menos treinta (30) días antes y treinta (30) días posteriores a la recolección.

3.4 The embryo(s) in this consignment have been fertilised with semen that is eligible for export to Argentina /
Las donantes fueron inseminadas con semen que reúne las condiciones de exportación para Argentina.

4. DIAGNOSTIC TESTS / *PRUEBAS DIAGNÓSTICAS*

4.1 The embryo donor(s) have been tested for ovine epididymitis (*Brucella ovis*), with negative results, with a complement fixation test (CFT) or enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) between twenty-one (21) days prior to collection and sixty (60) days after the final collection of the embryo for export /
El (los) donante(s) de embriones han sido examinados para epididimitis ovina (Brucella ovis), con resultados negativos, con una prueba de fijación de complemento (CFT) o ensayo inmunoabsorbente ligado a enzimas (ELISA) entre veintiún (21) días antes de la recolección y sesenta (60) días después de la recolección final de embriones a ser exportados.

Date(s) of sample collection /
Fecha de la coleccion de muestra: .....

Type(s) of test /
Typo de prueba: .....

5. COLLECTION, PROCESSING AND STORING OF THE EMBRYO(S) /
DE LA RECOLECCIÓN, PROCESAMIENTO Y ALMACENAMIENTO DE LOS EMBRIONES

5.1 The embryo collection team is supervised by a registered veterinarian and is approved by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries to collect embryos for export /
El equipo de recolección de embriones ha sido supervisado por un veterinario registrado y está aprobado por el Ministerio de Industrias Primarias de Nueva Zelandia para recolectar embriones para la exportación.

5.2 The embryo(s) have been collected, processed, identified and stored in accordance with the recommendations set out in the WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code and the International Embryo Technology Society (IETS) Manual, including additional treatment with trypsin /
Los embriones fueron recolectados, procesados y almacenados en el país exportador de acuerdo con las recomendaciones establecidas en el Código Terrestre de la WOAH y en el Manual de la Sociedad Internacional de Transferencia de Embriones (IETS). En todos los casos se utilizará el protocolo, que incluye los lavados con tripsina, contemplado en dicho Manual.

5.4 Any products of animal origin used in the processing of the embryo(s) have been obtained from sources that minimise any animal health risk /
Todos los productos biológicos de origen animal utilizados en la recolección, procesamiento y almacenamiento de los embriones deberán estar libres de microorganismos patógenos.

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5.5 The zona pellucida of each embryo was examined after washing, using a microscope with a magnification of not less than 50X, and was intact and free of adherent material /
La zona pelúcida de cada embrión fue examinada después de los lavados, usando microscopio con aumento no menor de 50X, encontrándose intacta y libre de material adherente.

5.6 Only new or disinfected containers and fresh liquid nitrogen were used for storage of the embryo(s) /
Solo se utilizaron recipientes nuevos o desinfectados y nitrógeno líquido fresco para el almacenamiento de los embriones.

5.7 The embryos were stored for a minimum period of thirty (30) days prior to dispatch /
Los embriones fueron almacenados por un periodo minimo de treinta (30) dias anteriores al embarque.

6. TRANSPORT / *TRANSPORTE*

6.1 Prior to shipment, the container with the embryo(s) identified above was sealed with an official seal by an Official Veterinarian /
Antes del embarque, el contenedor con el embriones identificado arriba fue sellado con un sello oficial por un Veterinario oficial.

Date and number of the seal /
Fecha y Sello Oficial : .....

Serial number of the container /
Número serial del contenedor: .....

Official Veterinarian /
Oficial Veterinario
Ministry for Primary Industries

Official Stamp and Date /
Sello Oficial y fecha

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Name and Address /
Nombre y Dirección

Note: 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 that form part of the extended health certification /
Notificación: El Veterinario Oficial debe firmar, fechar y estampar cada página del certificado veterinario y, en caso pertinente, de todos los documentos que forme la parte de la certificación extendida de la salud.

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