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Ovine semen 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:

- OVISEMC.AR, Ovine Semen to Argentina dated 26 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 semen 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 Argentina.

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 semen to be exported from New Zealand to Argentina and determines the form and content of the official assurance that must accompany the ovine semen to be exported. The OMAR was issued after consultation with industry and the government of Argentina. It is based on the Resolution 18/19 of MERCOSUR.

Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of ovine semen to Argentina.

Operators of Export Approved Premises collecting ovine semen 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 semen 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 semen may comply with these requirements and be given an official assurance (by way of a certificate), the importing Argentina ultimately retains control over what ovine semen it clears for entry.

Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
07 February 2023	All sections	New OMAR format. Updates to the Export Certificate to reflect changes in Mercosur requirements Resolution 18/19.

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 semen 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 ovine semen 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.

Establishment of origin means the farms, semen collection centres and quarantine facilities where the animals have resided prior to the semen collection.

SENASA (Servicio Nacional de Sanidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria) means the Argentinian competent authority.

(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 semen 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 semen has been issued by the competent authority of Argentina.
b) Collection of samples for testing must be supervised by an Official Veterinarian or a semen centre veterinarian approved by MPI.
c) Straws must be identified individually including the collection date.
d) The integrity of the cryogenic containers and the corresponding seals must be verified within 72 hours prior to departure.
e) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice.

1.4 Specific requirements for the zoosanitary certificate

(1) In regard to clause 4.5 of the certificate, specific requirements apply.

a) Egg-based products used as diluents for the semen to be exported must originate from a country or zone free of Avian Influenza (of mandatory reporting to the World Organisation of Animal Health, WOAH) and Newcastle disease.
b) In the case of using milk-based products for the processing of semen, this must be sourced from a country free of FMD that is officially recognised by the WOAH.

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 SEMEN
Producto: *SEMEN OVINO*

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 semen collection and processing centre / *Nombre y dirección del centro de colecta y procesamiento de semen (CCPS)*	
Registration number of semen centre / *Número de Registro del CCPS*	
Number of container seal(s) / *Número del(os) precinto(s) del(os) contenedor(es)*	

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 / *Punto de salida*:	

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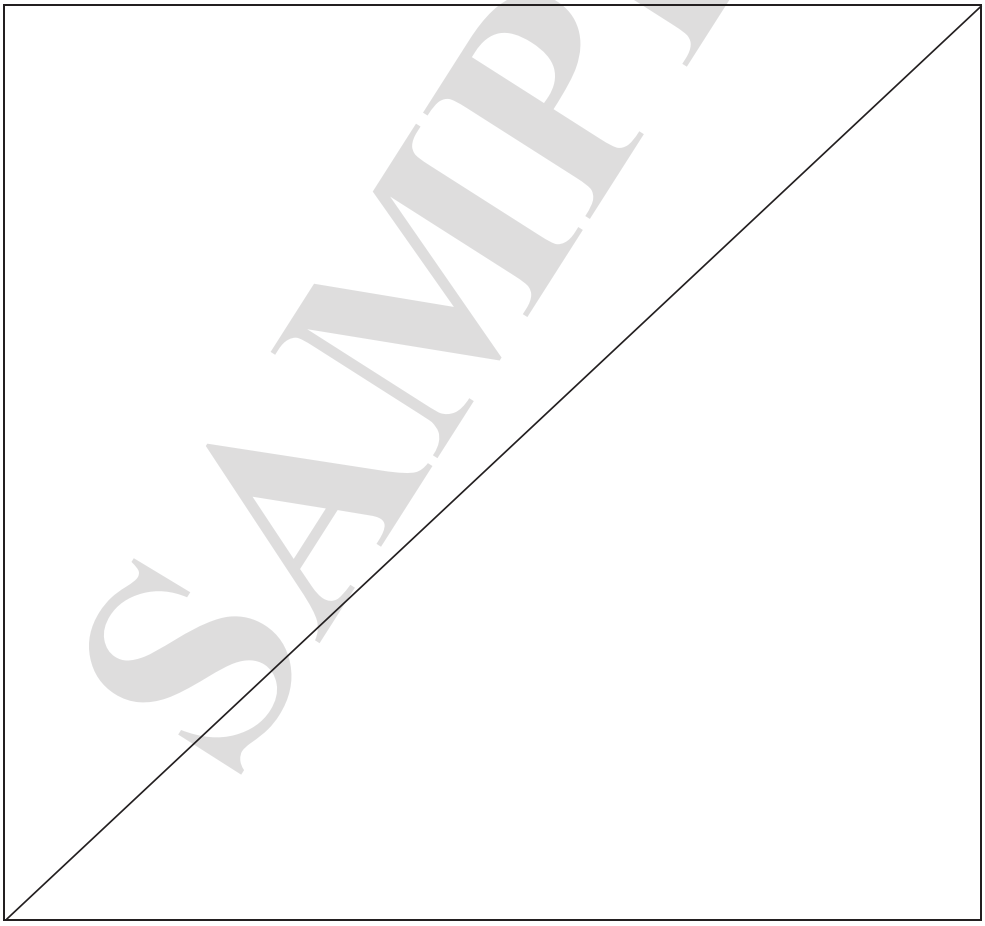
IV. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SEMEN AND DONOR(S) / *IDENTIFICACION DEL SEMEN Y DONANTE(S)*:

Donor name / *Nombre del dador*	Registration Nº of donor / *Nº de registro del dador*	Identification of the straws / *Identificación de las pajuelas**	Collection date / *Fecha de colecta*	Breed / *Raza*	Nº of doses / *Nº de dosis*

*The straws must be permanently marked indelibly with the identification of the CCPS, the registration number of the donor, and the date of collection or corresponding code /
Las pajuelas deberán ser permanentemente marcadas en forma indeleble con la identificación del CCPS, el número de registro del dador y fecha de colecta o código correspondiente.

Total number of straws in consignment / *Cantidad total de pajillas en el envío*: .....



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Certificate No: ……

V. ZOOSANITARY INFORMATION / *INFORMACIÓN ZOOSANITARIA*

VETERINARY CERTIFICATION / *CERTIFICADO VETERINARIO*

I, ……, an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries, certify, after due enquiry in regard to the animals and semen 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 semen identificados en el certificado zoosanitario:

1. COUNTRY FREEDOM / *PAÍS LIBRE DE*

1.1 New Zealand is free of the following diseases; bluetongue, brucellosis (*Brucella melitensis* & *B. abortus*), contagious agalactia, enzootic abortion of ewes (*Chlamydia abortus*), foot-and-mouth disease (without vaccination), maedi-visna, peste des petits ruminants, pulmonary adenomatosis, Q fever, Rift Valley fever, rinderpest, scrapie, sheep and goat pox, and vesicular stomatitis /
Nueva Zelandia está libre de las siguientes enfermedades: lengua azul, brucelosis (Brucella melitensis y B. abortus), agalaxia contagiosa, aborto enzoótico de las ovejas (Chlamydia abortus), fiebre aftosa (sin vacunación), maedi visna, de peste de los pequeños rumiantes, adenomatosis pulmonar, fiebre Q, fiebre del valle del Rift, de peste bovina, Prurigo lúbar (Scrapie), viruela ovina y caprina, y estomatitis vesicular.

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

1.3 The semen donors were born and raised in New Zealand; and their immediate ancestors were either born and raised in New Zealand or in another country with equal or superior health status in respect to scrapie /
Los donantes de semen 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).

1.4 The semen to be exported originated in a country that has not recorded any cases of Schmallenberg disease /
El semen a ser exportado ha originado de un país que nunca registró casos de la enfermedad de Schmallenberg.

2. SEMEN COLLECTION AND PROCESSING CENTRE / *CENTRO DE COLECTA Y PROCESAMIENTO DEL SEMEN*

2.1 The semen was collected in a semen collection and processing centre that is registered, approved and supervised by the Ministry for Primary Industries /
El semen fue recolectado en un Centro de Colecta y Procesamiento del Semen (CCPS) registrado, aprobado y supervisado por el Ministry for Primary Industries.

2.2 The semen was collected and processed under the supervision of the approved semen centre veterinarian /
El semen fue recolectado y procesado bajo la supervisión del veterinario autorizado del CCPS.

2.3 There was no occurrence in the semen centre of communicable diseases transmissible by semen during the sixty (60) days prior to the collection of semen to be exported /
En el CCPS no deberá haberse registrado la ocurrencia de enfermedades transmisibles por semen durante los sesenta (60) días previos a la colecta del semen a ser exportado.

3. DONOR ANIMAL(S) / *ANIMALE(S) DONANTE(S)*

3.1 The donor rams resided on a farm(s) of origin and semen collection centre that has not had any officially reported cases of caprine arthritis encephalitis during the three (3) years prior to the collection

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of semen for export /
Los carneros donantes proceden de una granja (s) de origen y centro de recogida de esperma que no ha tenido ningún casos oficialmente notificados de Artritis encephalitis caprina durante los tres (3) años anteriores a la recogida de esperma para la exportación.

3.2 The donor rams resided on a farm(s) of origin and semen collection centre that has not had any officially reported cases of ovine epididymitis (*Brucella ovis*), tuberculosis and Johne's disease (*Mycobacterium avium* subsp. *Paratuberculosis*) during the six (6) months prior to the collection of semen for export /
*Los carneros donantes proceden de una granja (s) de origen y centro de recogida de esperma que no ha tenido ningún casos oficialmente notificados de epididimitis ovina ,(*Brucella ovis*) la tuberculosis y enfermedad de Johne (*Mycobacterium avium *subsp.* paratuberculosis*) durante los seis (6) meses anteriores a la recogida de esperma para la exportación*.

3.3 Prior to entering the semen collection centre, the donor rams were isolated for a period of at least thirty (30) days under the supervision of the approved semen centre veterinarian /
Antes de ingresar las instalaciones de colecta de semen del CCPS, los dadores deberán ser mantenidos en aislamiento por un período mínimo de treinta (30) días bajo control del veterinario autorizado del CCPS.

3.4 The donor animal(s) was not used for natural service during pre-entry isolation and while resident on the semen collection centre /
El (los) animal(es) donante(s) no fue(n) utilizado(s) para servicio natural durante el aislamiento previo a la entrada y mientras residía en el centro de recolección de semen.

3.5 During the isolation period prior to entering the semen centre, and every six (6) months while resident at the centre, the donor rams were subjected to the following tests with negative results /
Durante el período de aislamiento previo al ingreso a la instalación para colecta de semen en el CCPS y cada 6 (seis) meses mientras permanezcan en el mismo, los dadores deberán ser sometidos a las siguientes pruebas diagnósticas, cuyos resultados deberán ser negativos:

DIAGNOSTIC TESTS / PRUEBAS DIAGNÓSTICAS

DISEASE / *ENFERMEDAD*	TYPE OF TEST / *TIPO DE PRUEBA* *	DATE(S) / *FECHA/S*	RESULT / *RESULTADO*	COUNTRY/ZONE FREEDOM / *PAIS/ZONA LIBRE*
Brucellosis / *Brucelosis*	Rose Bengal or BBAT or ELISA or CF or 2-mercaptoehanol agglutination / *Rosa de bengala o BPA o ELISA o FC o 2-mercaptoetanol*			Yes
Tuberculosis / *Tuberculosis*	Intradermal PPD tuberculin / *Tuberculinización intradermica con tuberculina PPD*			No
Ovine epididymitis (*Brucella ovis*) / *Epididimitis Ovina (Brucella ovis)*	Complement fixation test or ELISA test / *Test de fijación de complemento o ELISA*.			No
Bluetongue / *Lengua azul*	AGID or ELISA or PCR *AGID o ELISA o PCR*			Yes

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Enzootic abortion of ewes / *Aborto enzoótico de la oveja*	ELISA or CFT / *ELISA o FC*			Yes
Maedi-visna / *Maedi-visna*	AGID or ELISA / *AGID o ELISA*			Yes
Rift Valley fever / *Fiebre del Valle del Rift*	ELISA / *ELISA*			Yes
Foot-and-mouth disease / *Fiebre aftosa*	Nonstructural protein (NSP) antibody tests / *Detección de ant. No estructurales*			Yes

*Strikethrough what does not apply/*Tachar lo que no proceda

3.6 The donor rams were under the supervision of the approved semen centre veterinarian for at least thirty (30) days after collection of semen to be exported and did not present clinical evidence of diseases transmissible by semen during that time /
Los dadores fueron mantenidos bajo supervisión del veterinario-autorizado del CCPS y no presentaron evidencia clinica de enfermedades transmisibles por semen durante al menos treinta (30) días posteriores a la recolección del semen a ser exportado.

4. COLLECTION, PROCESSING AND STORAGE OF SEMEN / *DE LA COLECTA, PROCESAMIENTO Y ALMACENAMIENTO DEL SEMEN*

4.1 The semen was collected, processed and stored according to the recommendation of the WOAH Terrestrial Code /
El semen fue recolectado, procesado y almacenado de acuerdo con las recomendaciones referentes del capítulo correspondiente del Código Terrestre.

4.2 The egg-based products used as diluents for exporting semen originate from a country, zone or compartment free of Avian Influenza notifiable to the WOAH, and Newcastle Disease /
Los productos a base de huevo utilizados como diluyentes del semen a exportar deberán ser originarios de un país, zona o compartimento libre de Influenza Aviar de declaración obligatoria ante la WOAH, y de la Enfermedad de Newcastle.

4.3 If milk was used in processing semen, it must originate from a country or zone free from FMD (foot and mouth disease), with or without vaccination, that is officially recognized by the WOAH /
En caso de utilizarse leche en el procesamiento del semen, ésta deberá ser originaria de un país o zona libre de Fiebre Aftosa con o sin vacunación reconocida oficialmente por la WOAH.

4.4 The semen was stored in cryogenic containers that were appropriately cleaned and disinfected prior to use, or were new, and the straws were individually identified, including date of collection. The cryogenic containers were under the responsibility of the approved centre veterinarian until shipment /
El semen fue acondicionado en forma adecuada, almacenado en contenedores criogénicos limpios y desinfectados o de primer uso, y, las pajuelas, identificadas individualmente, incluyendo la fecha de colecta. Las mismas deberán estar bajo responsabilidad del veterinario autorizado del CCPS hasta el momento de su embarque.

4.5 The semen for export was only stored with semen of equal health status, and the liquid nitrogen used in the cryogenic container was new /
El semen para la exportación sólo se almacenan con el semen de nivel sanitario equivalente, y el nitrógeno líquido utilizado en el contenedor criogénico era nuevo.

4.6 The shipping container was sealed by an Official Veterinarian /
El envase de envío fue sellado por un veterinario official.

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4.7 The semen was stored for a minimum period of thirty (30) days prior to dispatch /
El semen fueron almacenado por un período minimo de treinta (30) días anteriores el embarque.

5. TRANSPORT / *TRANSPORTE*

5.1 The Veterinary Authority of the exporting country must certify the integrity of the cryogenic semen containers and the corresponding seals within seventy-two (72) hours prior to shipment /
La Autoridad Veterinaria del país exportador deberá certificar la integridad de los contenedores criogénicos del semen y de los precintos correspondientes dentro de las setenta y dos (72) horas previas al embarque.

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 and, where applicable, all 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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