



# Live Research Rodents to Japan (OMAR)

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## **TITLE**

Animal Products Notice: Live research rodents to Japan (OMAR)

## **COMMENCEMENT**

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 30 April 2019

## **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 live research rodents from New Zealand to Japan.

## 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 live research rodents to be exported from New Zealand to Japan and determines the form and content of the official assurance that must accompany the live research rodents to be exported. The OMAR was issued after consultation with industry and the competent authority of Japan.

## Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of live research rodents to Japan.

## 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 live research rodents meet the requirements for export to Japan which New Zealand, in consultation with the competent authority of Japan, has determined will apply. It should be noted that although the live research rodents may comply with these requirements and be given an official assurance (by way of a certificate), the importing country ultimately retains control over what live research rodents it clears for entry.

## Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
30 April 2019		New OMAR

## 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 in Live Research Rodents to Japan (Export Certificate). The export certificate is password-protected.

## Part 1: Requirements

### 1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to the export of live research rodents from New Zealand to Japan. The OMAR – Live Research Rodents to Japan is specifically for live laboratory mice and live laboratory rats only. All other live laboratory Rodentia are excluded from the OMAR.

### 1.2 Definitions

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

**Act** means the Animal Products Act 1999

**Laboratory animal** means a vertebrate animal which is used in a laboratory as an experimental animal.

**Live research rodents** means laboratory mice and or laboratory rats which are used in a laboratory as experimental animals. All other laboratory Rodentia are excluded from this OMAR.

**Storage facility** means a containment facility which is approved in accordance with section 39 of the Biosecurity Act, for holding organisms.

- (2) A term in this Notice that is defined in the Act has the meaning given to it in the Act
- (3) 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) Live research rodents exported from New Zealand to Japan 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) The premises of origin of the live research rodents is approved as a containment facility by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI), and the approval is current.
  - b) The live research rodents must be carried and caged (with labels) in accordance with the current [Live Animal Regulations](#) of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and in such a way as to ensure humane management at all times.
  - c) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice.

### 1.4 Specific requirements for matters in the zoosanitary certificate

- (1) With regards to clause 1.1, the animals are isolated, for their lifetime, from other animals not of an equivalent health status and remain in the facility until export or death.

Approved containment facility operators have responsibilities which are outlined in the relevant facility standard.

See the following link for further information on [transitional and containment facilities.](#)

## Part 2: Zoosanitary Certificate



Certificate No: .....

### NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

#### ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Commodity: LIVE RESEARCH RODENTS  
 To: JAPAN  
 Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND  
 Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

#### I: IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMAL(S)

Species/Scientific Name	Description	Sex	Age	Number

Total number of animals in consignment: .....

#### II: SOURCE OF ANIMALS

Name and address of exporter: .....

Name and address of establishment that the animal was/ were born and kept: .....

#### III: DESTINATION OF ANIMAL(S)

Name and address of consignee: .....

Name of vessel or flight number: .....

Place of loading or boarding: .....

Date of loading or boarding: .....

**IV: SANITARY INFORMATION**

**VETERINARY CERTIFICATE**

I,....., being an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries certify, after due enquiry, with respect to the animals identified in the Zoosanitary Certificate, that:

**1. PREMISES OF ORIGIN AND ANIMAL HEALTH STATUS**

- 1.1 The animals have been stored since birth in a place that is in a storage facility meeting all of the following, that has been isolated from other areas, and in which there have been no other animals other than such rodents.
  - 1.1.1 Feeding control (hereafter including the management of records of the animals and their breeding, shipment and death) and sanitary control are carried out under the supervision of a committee consisting of members concerned including veterinarians in the facility.
  - 1.1.2 Appropriate measures are taken to ensure that intrusion of animals from outside is prevented.
  - 1.1.3 When introduced into the facility, the animals are confirmed not to be contaminated with pathogens of infectious diseases in order to prevent the intrusion of pathogens of infectious diseases that may infect humans through animals.
  - 1.1.4 Examinations are conducted periodically on all the animals stored in the facility to confirm they are not contaminated with pathogens of infectious diseases.
  - 1.1.5 Information concerning the feeding and sanitary controls of the animals is recorded in documents and such documents are retained.
- 2. Since birth, the animals have not been used in any study with pathogens of infectious disease or have not come in contact with any animal used in such a study.

.....  
 Signature of Official Veterinarian Official Stamp and Date  
 New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

.....  
 Name and address

**Note. The Official Veterinarian must sign 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.**