



Dogs and Cats to Costa Rica (OMAR)

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TITLE

Animal Products Notice: Dogs and Cats to Costa Rica (OMAR)

COMMENCEMENT

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 20 November 2020

REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- Dogs and Cats to Costa Rica (OMAR) dated 6 September 2019

ISSUING AUTHORITY

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

Dated at Wellington, 10 November 2020

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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 Costa Rica.

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 Costa Rica 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 government of Costa Rica. It is based on the previous OMAR titled: *Dogs and Cats to Costa Rica (OMAR)*, dated 6 September 2019.

Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of dogs and cats to Costa Rica.

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 Costa Rica which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of Costa Rica, 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

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
6 September 2019	All sections	New OMAR format
20 November 2020	Part 2: Zoosanitary Certificate	New Official Assurance format

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 *Dogs and Cats to Costa Rica (Export Certificate)*. The export certificate is password-protected.

Part 1: Requirements

1.1 Application

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

1.2 Definitions

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

Act means the Animal Products Act 1999

- (2) Dogs and A term in this Notice that is defined in the Act has the meaning given to it in the Act

- a) *Animal Products Notice: Official Assurances Specifications for Animal Material and Animal Products.*

1.3 Requirements for export

- (1) Dogs and cats exported from New Zealand to Costa Rica 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) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice

Part 2: Zoosanitary Certificate

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Certificate Number NZL2020/SAMPLE/0000

SANITARY CERTIFICATE FOR DOGS AND CATS TO COSTA RICA

Name and address of consignor: <LICENCE> <consignor-name> <consignor-address> <consignor-city> <consignor-state> <consignor-country>		Exporting Country: New Zealand Competent Authority: Ministry for Primary Industries New Zealand Address of Owner: <owner-name> <owner-address> <owner-city> <owner-postcode> <owner-country>			
Name and address of consignee: <consignee-name> <consignee-address> <consignee-city> <consignee-postcode> <consignee-country>		Means of Transport: <mode>	Port of Embarkation: <(air)port>	Port of Entry: <(air)port>	
Item	Species	Breed / Colour	Sex	Date of birth	Microchip No
1					
2					

Name: Item 1 <name>, Item 2 <name>.	Import Permit number: <import permit number>
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The conditions, as stated below, apply to the live animals described herein at the time of export from New Zealand. I, the undersigned Ministry for Primary Industries Official Veterinarian hereby certify that the animals listed above are unconditionally eligible for export to Costa Rica.

- The animal(s) have resided in New Zealand since birth, or since importation from: <country>
- The animal(s) have been vaccinated against rabies using an inactivated vaccine and the vaccination is valid in accordance with the vaccine manufacturer's recommendations.
 Date of rabies vaccination: <dd/mm/yyyy>
 Batch number of vaccination: <number>
 Trade name of vaccine: <name>
 Expiration date of vaccine: <dd/mm/yyyy>
- The animal(s) was treated within fifteen days (15) days prior to the scheduled date of export with approved products effective against endoparasites.
 Date of endoparasite treatment: <dd/mm/yyyy>
 Trade name of endoparasite treatment: <name>
 Active ingredient of endoparasite treatment: <ingredient>
 Batch number of endoparasite treatment: <dd/mm/yyyy>
- The animal(s) was treated within fifteen days (15) days prior to the scheduled date of export with approved products effective against ectoparasites including ticks.
 Date of ectoparasite treatment: <dd/mm/yyyy>
 Trade name of ectoparasite treatment: <name>
 Active ingredient of ectoparasite treatment: <ingredient>
 Batch number of ectoparasite treatment: <dd/mm/yyyy>
- The animal(s) was examined within two (2) weeks of the scheduled date of export and was visibly free from external parasites and clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease and was considered to be fit to travel.
- IN THE CASE OF A DOG:
 6.1 Is vaccinated against distemper, hepatitis, canine parvovirus and leptospirosis
 Date of most recent vaccinations: <dd/mm/yyyy>
 Trade name of vaccine: <trade name>
 Batch number of vaccine: <batch number>
 Expiration date of vaccine: <dd/mm/yyyy>
- IN THE CASE OF A CAT:
 7.1 Is vaccinated against feline viral rhinotracheitis, calicivirus and panleukopenia.
 Date of most recent vaccinations: <dd/mm/yyyy>
 Trade name of vaccine: <trade name>
 Batch number of vaccine: <batch number>
 Expiration date of vaccine: <dd/mm/yyyy>

Done at

Seal

Signature of official veterinarian, New Zealand Government

On

Name, title and qualifications