



Bumblebees to the Maldives (OMAR)

BEEBUM.MV

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TITLE

Animal Products Notice: Bumblebees to the Maldives (OMAR)

COMMENCEMENT

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 16 August 2019

REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- *Bumble Bees to the Republic of Maldives, BEEBUM.MV, dated 19 April 2016*

ISSUING AUTHORITY

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

Dated at Wellington, 9 August 2019

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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 bumblebees from New Zealand to Maldives.

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 bumblebees to be exported from New Zealand to Republic of Maldives and determines the form and content of the official assurance that must accompany the bumblebees to be exported. The OMAR was issued after consultation with industry and the Republic of Maldives. It is based on the previous OMAR and import requirements received in May 2019.

Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of bumblebees to Republic of Maldives.

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

Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
August 2019	All sections Clause 3	New OMAR format The bumblebees are free from clinical symptoms of the honey bee diseases American foulbrood, European foulbrood, Acarapisosis, Tropilaelaps spp, Varroosis of honey bees and Aethina tumida.

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 *Bumblebees to the Maldives (Export Certificate)*. The export certificate is password-protected.

Part 1: Requirements

1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to the export of live bumblebees (*Bombus terrestris*) from New Zealand to Republic of Maldives.

1.2 Definitions

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

Act means the Animal Products Act 1999

- (2) 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) Bumblebees exported from New Zealand to Republic of Maldives 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 bumblebees has been issued by the competent authority of the Maldives.
 - b) The proposed shipment is for *Bombus terrestris*, for use in greenhouses only.
 - c) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice.

1.4 Specific requirements for the zoosanitary certificate

- (1) To be able to certify Clause 2, there must be both:
 - a) An inspection carried out within seven (7) days prior to the first export, and at three monthly intervals while exports are ongoing.
 - i) The inspection should include a sample of the bumblebees in the export consignment and an inspection of a representative colony from which the bumblebees were bred.
 - ii) The inspection should be carried out by a person experienced in the recognition of diseases of honey bees or bumblebee. This is either an AsureQuality Recognised Person, or an Approved Beekeeper that is approved by AsureQuality.
 - iii) If the person is an Approved Beekeeper, they must complete Appendix 1.
 - b) Assessments carried out within seven (7) days prior to dispatch from the production facilities.
 - i) The assessment should include a sample of the bumblebees in the export consignment and an assessment of a representative colony from which the bumblebees were bred.
 - ii) The assessment should be carried out by a person experienced in the recognition of diseases of bumblebees, and may be the exporter or an employee of the exporter's bumble bee production facility.
 - iii) The person carrying out the assessment must complete Appendix 2.

Part 2: Zoosanitary Certificate



Certificate No:

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Commodity: BUMBLEBEES (*Bombus terrestris*)
 To: REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES
 Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND
 Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES
 Import Permit Number:

Producer	Consignee	
Exporter (if other than producer)	Means and identification of transport or Date Posted	Port of Loading
	Port of discharge	Final destination
Number of Packages		

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT:

- The bumblebees in the shipment were produced in New Zealand.
- The bumblebees are of good health without clinical symptoms of disease or parasites.
- The bumblebees are free from clinical symptoms of the honey bee diseases American foulbrood, European foulbrood, Acarapisosis, Tropilaelaps spp, varroosis of honey bees and Aethina tumida.

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 Signature of Official Veterinarian
 Ministry for Primary Industries

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 Official Stamp and Date

Name and Address:

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Appendix 1:

Declaration from an Approved Beekeeper inspecting bumblebees for export to Republic of Maldives:

I declare that,

A sample of the bumblebees in the export consignment, and a representative colony from which the bumblebees were bred, were inspected and were found to be of good health without clinical symptoms of disease or parasites, and were free from clinical symptoms of the honey bee diseases American foulbrood, European foulbrood, Acarapisosis, Tropilaelaps spp, varroosis of honey bees and Aethina tumida.

- The information that I have provided is true, correct and complete in every particular.
- I am aware that this declaration is made for the purposes of supporting export certification under the Animal Products Act 1999.
- I am aware that section 127 of the Animal Products Act 1999 makes it an offence for a person to make a false declaration under that Act.

Date:

Signature:

Name:

Address:

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Appendix 2:

Declaration from bumblebee production facility assessing bumblebees for export to Republic of Maldives:

I declare that,

A sample of the bumblebees in the export consignment, and a representative colony from which the bumblebees were bred, were assessed and were found to be of good health without clinical symptoms of disease or parasites, and were free from clinical symptoms of the honey bee diseases American foulbrood, European foulbrood, Acarapisosis, Tropilaelaps spp, varroosis of honey bees and Aethina tumida.

- The information that I have provided is true, correct and complete in every particular.
- I am aware that this declaration is made for the purposes of supporting export certification under the Animal Products Act 1999.
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Date:

Signature:

Name:

Name and address of exporter:

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