



Ovine Semen to Brazil (OMAR)

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Animal Products Notice: Ovine Semen to Brazil (OMAR)

COMMENCEMENT

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REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- OVISEM.BR-PT– Ovine semen to Brazil dated 27 February 2018

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 Brazil.

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 semen to be exported from New Zealand to Brazil 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 Brazil. It is based on the Resolution 18/19 of MERCOSUR.

Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of ovine semen to Brazil.

Operators of Export Approved Premises collecting ovine semen for export to Brazil.

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 meets the requirements for export to Brazil which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of Brazil, 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 country ultimately retains control over what ovine semen it clears for entry.

Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
9 September 2022	All sections Part 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 Brazil (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 semen from New Zealand to Brazil.

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.

MAPA (Ministério da Agricultura, Pecuária e Abastecimento) means the Brazilian competent authority.

Ovine animal means a kept animal of the species *Ovis aries*.

Semen collection and processing centre means a germinal product establishment approved by MPI for the collection, processing, storage and transport 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 semen exported from New Zealand to Brazil 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 Brazil.
 - b) During the isolation period mentioned in clause 3.2 of the certificate and during their time at the collection centre, donor rams must only be in contact with teaser ewes. Natural service of other animals is not permitted.
 - c) Collection of samples for testing must be supervised by an Official Veterinarian or a semen centre veterinarian approved by MPI.
 - d) Straws must be identified individually including the collection date.
 - e) The integrity of the cryogenic containers and the corresponding seals must be verified within 72 hours prior to departure.
 - f) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice.

1.4 Specific requirements for the zoosanitary certificate

- (1) In regard to Clause 6.2 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, WOA) 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 WOA.

1.5 Laboratories

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

Part 2: Zoosanitary Certificate



Certificate No /
Certificado n°:

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE/ *CERTIFICADO ZOOSSANITÁRIO*

Commodity: OVINE SEMEN
Produto: SÊMEN DE OVINO

To: BRAZIL
Para: BRASIL

Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND
País exportador: NOVA ZELÂNDIA

Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES
Autoridade Competente:

Import Permit Number/ *Número da Licença de Importação:*

I: ORIGIN/*ORIGEM*

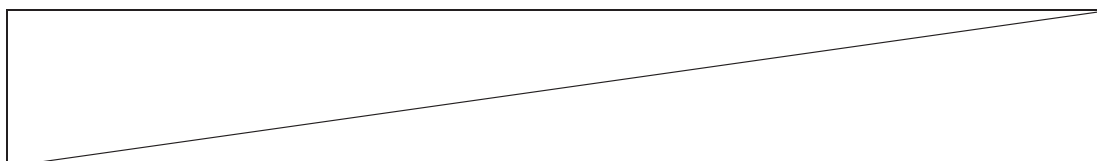
Name and address of exporter/ <i>Nome e endereço do exportador</i>	
Name and address of semen collection centre/ <i>Nome e endereço do centro de coleta de sêmen</i>	
Registration number of semen collection centre/ <i>Número do registro do centro de coleta de semen</i>	

II: DESTINATION/*DESTINO*

Name of importer/ <i>Nome do importador</i>	
Address of importer/ <i>Endereço do importador</i>	

III: TRANSPORT/*TRANSPORTE*

Means of transport/ <i>Meio de transporte</i>	
Port of departure / <i>Porto de saída</i>	



**IV: INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SEMEN AND DONOR (S) / INFORMAÇÕES
RELACIONADAS AO SÊMEN E DOADOR (ES)**

Donor name/ <i>Nome do doador</i>	Donor breed/ <i>Raça do doador</i>	Donor registration N° / <i>N° de registro do doador</i>	Donor date of entry onto the SCC/ <i>Data de entrada no CCS</i>	Identification of the semen straws/ <i>Identificação das palhetas</i>	Semen collection date/ <i>Data da coleta</i>	N° of straws/ <i>N° de palhetas</i>

Total number of straws in consignment (in numbers and words) / *Número total de palhetas na remessa (em números e letras):*



Certificate No /Certificado n°:

V: HEALTH INFORMATION/ INFORMAÇÃO SOBRE SAÚDE

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:/

Eu,, Veterinário(a) Oficial do Ministry for Primary Industries da Nova Zelândia, certifico, após a devida consulta acerca dos animais e sêmen listados no certificado de exportação, que:

1. COUNTRY FREEDOM/ PAÍS LIVRE

1.1 During the period of collection of the semen, New Zealand was recognised by the WOA (formerly OIE), considering the disease, as a free country or complied with the provisions of the corresponding chapters of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) to be considered officially free from: bluetongue, brucellosis (*Brucella abortus* and *B. melitensis*), enzootic abortion of ewes, maedi-visna, peste des petits ruminants, Rift Valley fever, rinderpest and sheep and goat pox; and this condition is recognised by the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply (MAPA). /

*No período da coleta do sêmen, a Nova Zelândia era reconhecida pela WOA (anteriormente conhecido como OIE) de acordo com a doença) como país livre ou cumpria com o estabelecido nos capítulos correspondentes do Código Sanitário para os Animais Terrestres da Organização Mundial de Saúde Animal (WOAH) para ser considerado oficialmente livre de: língua azul, brucelose (*Brucella abortus* e *B. melitensis*), aborto enzoótico das ovelhas, Maedi-Visna, peste dos pequenos ruminantes, febre do Vale do Rift, peste bovina e varíola ovina e caprina; sendo esta condição reconhecida pelo Ministério da Agricultura, Pecuária e Abastecimento do Brasil (MAPA).*

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). /

A Nova Zelândia está oficialmente reconhecida livre de febre aftosa (FMD) onde a vacinação não é praticada, pela Organização Mundial da Saúde Animal (WOAH).

1.3 New Zealand has declared itself as officially free from ovine scrapie to the WOA, in accordance with what is stated in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code, and that condition is recognized by MAPA. /

A Nova Zelândia foi declarada oficialmente livre de paraplexia enzoótica ovina (scrapie), perante a WOA e de acordo com o estabelecido no Código Terrestre, e essa condição é reconhecida pelo MAPA.

1.4 The semen donors and their sires and dams were born and bred in New Zealand or in another country with equal or superior health status in respect to scrapie. /

O doador do sêmen e sua ascendência direta nasceram e foram criados na Nova Zelândia ou em outro país com igual ou superior condição sanitária com relação à paraplexia enzoótica ovina (scrapie).

1.5 No cases of disease caused by *Schmallenberg virus* have been detected or reported in New Zealand. /

Não foi reportado caso algum de doença causada pelo vírus Shmallenberg na Nova Zelândia.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF ORIGIN/ ESTABELECIMENTO DE ORIGEM

2.1 The donor animal(s) came from establishments where no cases of ovine pulmonary adenocarcinoma have been reported in the two (2) years prior to semen collection. / *O(s) animal (animais) doador(es) é(são) procedente(s) de propriedades onde não foram reportados casos de adenomatose pulmonar ovina nos últimos dois (2) anos anteriores à coleta do semen.*

2.2 The donor animal(s) came from establishments where no cases of Q fever have been reported in the twelve (12) months prior to semen collection. / *O(s) animal (animais) doador(es) é(são) procedente(s) de propriedades onde não foram reportados casos de febre "Q" nos últimos doze (12) meses anteriores à coleta do semen.*

2.3 The donor animal(s) came from establishments where no cases of ovine epididymitis (*Brucella ovis*), contagious agalactia, tuberculosis and paratuberculosis have been reported in the six (6) months prior to

semen collection. / *O(s) animal (animais) doador(es) é(são) procedente(s) de propriedade(s) onde não foram reportados casos de epididimite ovina (Brucella ovis), agalaxia contagiosa, tuberculose e paratuberculose nos últimos seis (6) meses anteriores à coleta do sêmen.*

- 2.4 The donor animal(s) came from establishments where no cases of vesicular stomatitis have been reported in the six (6) months prior to semen collection in a fifteen (15) km radius. / *O(s) animal (animais) doador(es) é(são) procedente(s) de propriedade(s) onde não foram reportados casos de estomatite vesicular nos últimos seis (6) meses anteriores à coleta do semen e em um raio de quinze (15) km.*

3. DONOR ANIMAL(S)/ ANIMAL(IS) DOADOR(ES)

- 3.1 The donor animal(s) were continuously resident in New Zealand for at least sixty (60) days prior to semen collection. If imported, they were sourced from a country with equal or superior health status. / *O(s) animal(ais) doador(es) residiu (residiram) continuamente na Nova Zelândia por pelo menos sessenta (60) dias prévios à coleta do semen. Se importados, foram provenientes de um país com condição sanitária igual ou superior.*
- 3.2 Prior to entering the semen collection centre, the donor animal(s) were isolated for a period of at least thirty (30) days under the supervision of the approved semen centre veterinarian. / *Antes de entrar no centro de coleta de sêmen, o animal doador foi isolado por um período de pelo menos trinta (30) dias sob a supervisão do veterinário do centro de sêmen autorizado.*
- 3.3 The donor animal(s) was free of clinical evidence of communicable diseases transmissible in semen for at least thirty (30) days before and thirty (30) days after the collection. / *O(s) animal(ais) doador(es) estava(m) isento(s) de evidências clínicas de doenças transmissíveis no sêmen durante pelo menos trinta (30) dias antes and trinta (30) dias posteriores à coleta.*

4. SEMEN COLLECTION AND PROCESSING CENTRE/ CENTRO DE COLETA E PROCESSAMENTO DE SÊMEN

- 4.1 The semen was collected in a semen collection and processing centre that is approved by the Ministry for Primary Industries to export and complies with the requirements of the WOAHP Terrestrial Animal Health Code in its latest version. / *O sêmen foi coletado em um centro de coleta e processamento de sêmen aprovado pelo Ministério de Indústrias Primárias para exportação e está em conformidade com os requisitos da versão mais recente do Código Sanitário de Animais Terrestres da WOAHP.*
- 4.2 The semen was collected, processed under the supervision of the approved semen centre veterinarian and stored for at least thirty (30) days after its collection. / *O sêmen foi coletado, processado, sob a supervisão do veterinário do centro de sêmen autorizado e armazenado pelo menos trinta (30) dias posteriores à sua coleta.*
- 4.3 The semen centre was free of clinical evidence of communicable diseases transmissible in semen during the sixty (60) days prior to the collection of semen. / *O centro de sêmen estava livre de evidência clínica de doenças contagiosas transmissíveis pelo semen, durante os sessenta (60) dias que antecederam sua coleta.*

5. DIAGNOSTIC TESTS/ TESTES DE DIAGNÓSTICO

- 5.1 The donor animal(s) has been tested with negative results, for the diseases listed in the table below during the pre-entry isolation period and every six (6) months once donor animal(s) are resident on the semen collection centre: / *O(s) animal(ais) doador(es) foi(foram) testado(s) com resultados negativos para as doenças listadas na tabela abaixo durante o período de isolamento pré-entrada e a cada seis (6) meses quando o(s) animal(animais) doador(es) reside(m) no centro de coleta de sêmen:*

Certificate No /Certificado n°:

Disease/ Doença	Test type/Recognised free/ Tipo de teste/Reconhecido livre *	Sample date (s)/ Data(s) da amostra
Bluetongue/ <i>lingua azul</i>	Recognised free/ Reconhecido livre	
Brucellosis (<i>Brucella abortus</i> , <i>Brucella melitensis</i>)/ <i>Brucelose</i> (<i>Brucella. abortus</i> , <i>Brucella melitensis</i>)	Recognised free/ Reconhecido livre	
Foot and mouth disease/ <i>Febre aftosa</i>	Recognised free/ Reconhecido livre	
Ovine epididymitis (<i>B. ovis</i>)/ <i>epididymite ovina</i> (<i>B. ovis</i>)	Complement Fixation Test (CFT) or ELISA/ teste de fixação de complemento (FC) ou teste ELISA	
Tuberculosis/ <i>Tuberculose</i>	Intradermal Tuberculin Test (PPD) <i>Tuberculinização intradérmica com tuberculina PPD</i>	
Enzootic abortion of ewes/ <i>Aborto enzootico da ovelha</i>	Recognised free/ Reconhecido livre	
Maedi-Visna/ <i>Maedi-Visna</i>	Recognised free/ Reconhecido livre	
Rift Valley fever/ <i>Febre do Vale do Rift</i>	Recognised free/ Reconhecido livre	

*Strikethrough what does not apply. / Riscar o que não se aplica

These diagnostic tests will not be required if the Official Veterinary Service certifies that the country is free of the disease(s) mentioned above and this has been favourably evaluated by MAPA. / Estes testes de diagnóstico não serão necessários caso o Serviço Veterinário Oficial certifique que o país está livre da(s) doença(s) mencionada(s) acima e tenha recebido avaliação favorável do MAPA.

6. COLLECTION, PROCESSING AND STORING OF THE SEMEN/ COLETA, PROCESSAMENTO E ARMAZENAMENTO DO SÊMEN

- 6.1 The semen was collected, processed, stored and identified in accordance with the WOA Health Code covering collection and processing of small ruminant semen. / O sêmen foi coletado, processado, armazenado e identificado de acordo com o Código Sanitário de Animais Terrestres da WOA que aborda a coleta e processamento de semen pequenos ruminantes
- 6.2 Any products of animal origin used in the processing of the semen should be obtained from sources that minimise any animal health risk. / Quaisquer produtos ou de origem animal usados no processamento do sêmen deverão ser obtidos de fontes que minimizem qualquer risco à saúde animal.
- 6.3 Only new or clean and disinfected containers and fresh liquid nitrogen, were used for storage of the semen. / Apenas botijões criogênicos novos ou limpos e desinfetados e nitrogênio líquido fresco foram utilizados para armazenar o sêmen.
- 6.4 After collection and until dispatch, the semen was held in containers exclusively for the export to Brazil or with semen that was at least of the same health status as that for export to Brazil. / Após a coleta e até seu despacho, o sêmen foi mantido em botijões criogênicos exclusivamente para exportação ao Brasil, ou com sêmen que tinha no mínimo o mesmo status sanitário do que os exportados ao Brasil.

7. TRANSPORT/ TRANSPORTE

- 7.1 Prior to shipment, the container with the semen identified above was sealed with an official seal by an Official Veterinarian. /*Antes do transporte, o botijão com o sêmen identificado acima foi selado com selo oficial por um Veterinário Oficial.*

Number of the seal:.....
Número do selo

Serial number of the container.....
Número de série do botijão

.....
Official Veterinarian/
Veterinário Oficial

.....
Official Stamp and Date/
Carimbo Oficial e Data

Ministry for Primary Industries/
.....
.....

.....
Name and Address of Office/
Nome e endereço do escritório

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 (e.g. laboratory reports) that form part of the extended health certification.