



# Rabbits to Malaysia (OMAR)

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## **TITLE**

Animal Products Notice: Rabbits to Malaysia (OMAR)

## **COMMENCEMENT**

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 5 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 rabbits from New Zealand to Malaysia.

## 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 rabbits to be exported from New Zealand to Malaysia and determines the form and content of the official assurance that must accompany the rabbits to be exported. The OMAR was issued after consultation with industry and the Department of Veterinary Services, Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry of Malaysia. It is based on the requirements received by an exporter in January 2019.

## Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of rabbits to Malaysia.

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

## Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
05 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 Rabbits to Malaysia (Export Certificate). The Export Certificate is password-protected.

## Part 1: Requirements

### 1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to the export of pet rabbits from New Zealand to Malaysia.

### 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
- (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.](#)

### 1.3 Requirements for export

- (1) Rabbits exported from New Zealand to Malaysia 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) An Animal Welfare Export Certificate (AWEC) must be completed and issued by an authorised person.
- (4) In order to issue a zoosanitary certificate, the authorised person must be satisfied that:
  - a) A permit to import the rabbit(s) has been issued by the competent authority of Malaysia.
  - b) The rabbit(s) are carried and caged in accordance with the current Live Animal Regulations of the International Air Transport Association (IATA).
  - c) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice.

## Part 2: Zoosanitary Certificate



Certificate No: .....

### NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

**ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE:**

Commodity: RABBIT  
 To: MALAYSIA  
 Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND  
 Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES  
 Import Permit Number: .....

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

Name	Microchip number	Species (scientific name)	Breed	Description (including colour)	Sex	Age

Total number of rabbits in this consignment: .....

**II: ORIGIN OF THE ANIMAL(S)**

Name and address of exporter: .....  
 .....

Address of establishment where the rabbit(s) has been kept during at least the preceding six (6) months or since birth: .....  
 .....

Port/airport of embarkation: .....

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

Name and address of consignee: .....  
 .....  
 .....

**IV: SANITARY INFORMATION**

**VETERINARY CERTIFICATE**

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

**1. ORIGIN**

- 1.1 The rabbit(s) described in this Zoosanitary Certificate has been resident in New Zealand since birth or for at least the six (6) months preceding the date of export.
- 1.2 The rabbit(s) described in this Zoosanitary Certificate has been continually kept in captivity since birth or for at least the six (6) months prior to export in an establishment or premises where no case of myxomatosis and viral haemorrhagic disease of rabbits were officially reported or diagnosed during that period.

**2. TREATMENT**

- 2.1 The rabbit(s) has been treated for external parasites at least seven (7) days prior to export.  
Date of treatment: .....  
Name of product: .....  
Dose rate used: .....

**3. EXAMINATION**

- 3.1 The rabbit(s) are clinically healthy and free from any signs of infectious or contagious diseases at the time of export and have not been in contact with any communicable disease for the past sixty (60) days prior to export.
- 3.2 The rabbit(s) was inspected and shows no clinical sign of myxomatosis and viral haemorrhagic disease
- 3.3 The rabbit(s) was inspected and is found to be visually free from evidence of parasites at time of export.
- 3.4 The rabbit(s) is fit to travel.

.....  
 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.**