



# Imported Reproductive Material to Australia (OMAR)

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## **TITLE**

Animal Products Notice: Imported Reproductive Material to Australia

## **COMMENCEMENT**

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 16 May 2019

## **REVOCATION**

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- SEMEMBIMO.AU, 7 January 2016 – Imported Reproductive Material to Australia

## **ISSUING AUTHORITY**

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

Dated at Wellington, 15 May 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 imported reproductive material from New Zealand to Australia.

## 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 imported reproductive material to be exported from New Zealand to Australia and determines the form and content of the official assurance that must accompany the imported reproductive material to be exported. The OMAR was issued after consultation with industry and the Australia competent authority. It is based on import requirements received from the Australian competent authority on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

## Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of imported reproductive material to Australia.

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

## Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
16 May 2019	All sections	Updated to include imported tank seal numbers New OMAR 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 in Imported Reproductive Material to Australia (Export Certificate). The export certificate is password-protected.

## Part 1: Requirements

### 1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to the export of reproductive material that has been imported into New Zealand and is to be exported from New Zealand to Australia.

### 1.2 Definitions

- (1) In this Notice, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - Act** means the Animal Products Act 1999
  - Approved Veterinarian** refers to MPI approved centre/team veterinarians and official veterinarians.
  - Reproductive material** as used in this certificate pertains to embryos and/or semen.
- (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: Specifications for Laboratories.*

### 1.3 Requirements for export

- (1) Imported reproductive material exported from New Zealand to Australia 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 this imported reproductive material has been issued by the Australian competent authority.
  - b) Where an attached schedule is used, the schedule must contain the unique certificate shoulder number.
  - c) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice.

### 1.4 Laboratories

- (1) Where this Notice requires laboratory testing to be undertaken the testing must be done in laboratories operating in accordance with the Recognised Laboratory Programme (RLP) unless otherwise stated.

## Part 2: Zoosanitary Certificate



Certificate No: .....

### NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

#### ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Commodity: IMPORTED REPRODUCTIVE MATERIAL  
 To: AUSTRALIA  
 Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND  
 Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES  
 Import Permit Number: .....

#### I: IDENTIFICATION OF THE REPRODUCTIVE MATERIAL (Use a schedule for more than one donor)

<b>Donor Name</b>	
<b>Date of Collection</b>	
<b>Straw/ampoule/vial identification</b>	
<b>Number of straws/ampoules/vials</b>	
<b>Transport container(s) / shipper(s) identification</b>	

Total number of straws/ampoules/vials in this consignment: .....

Country in which reproductive material was collected: .....

Biosecurity Authority Clearance Certificate number(s): .....

Imported tank seal number(s): .....

#### II: ORIGIN OF THE REPRODUCTIVE MATERIAL

Name, address and approval number of the premises where reproductive material was stored while in New Zealand:

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 .....

Name, address of exporter: .....

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**III: DESTINATION OF REPRODUCTIVE MATERIAL**

Name and address of consignee: .....

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Nature and identification of means of transport: .....



Certificate No: .....

**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 reproductive material listed in this zoosanitary certificate, that:

1. The seals on the tank imported into New Zealand were intact on arrival in New Zealand and matched the zoosanitary certificate from the country stated above provided for that consignment.
2. From the time of arrival in New Zealand until export, the reproductive material was stored:
  - 2.1. in sealed containers (straws, ampoules or vials) and identified in a legible and non-erasable manner as specified in this veterinary certificate;
  - 2.2. only with other reproductive material collected for export to Australia, or of equivalent health status;
  - 2.3. in a secure place within an MPI approved centre or laboratory under the supervision of the Approved Veterinarian;
  - 2.4. in containers containing only new, unused liquid nitrogen.
3. The reproductive material was aggregated into a tank(s) for export.
4. Only reproductive material that met Australian import conditions was added to the shipping container.
5. The reproductive material for export was identified and placed in a transport container(s) or shipper(s) which is:
  - 5.1. new\*

**OR**

- 5.2. prior to loading, the shipper was emptied and inspected and any loose straws/ampoules/vials removed. The shipper, including all surfaces contacting the straws/ampoules/vials, was disinfected;

Name and active ingredient of disinfectant: .....

Date of disinfection: .....\*

*\* Delete as applicable*

6. Prior to export, the Approved Veterinarian checked the identity of the reproductive material for this consignment, and that the containers (e.g. straws, ampoules or vials) of the reproductive material were sealed.

7. Prior to export, the shipping container was sealed by an Official Veterinarian with an official seal, bearing the number or mark:  
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.....  
Signature of Official Veterinarian  
New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

.....  
Official Stamp and Date

.....  
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 certificate.**