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To all Provincial Directors

RE: EXPORT OF DOGS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA TO NEW ZEALAND

Dear colleagues,

The Directorate of Animal health has been informed that there have been incidences where the Republic of South Africa does not comply with the export regulations of dogs and cats. The non-compliances are in regard to *Brucella canis* testing as well as the preventative internal and external parasite treatments.

The New Zealand's import requirements regarding *Brucella canis* are as follow for dogs from the Republic of South Africa:

- 1.1 The dog has been subjected to a TAT (Tube agglutination test) with a negative result in the 16 days prior to the date of shipment, **OR**
- 1.2 The dogs has been subjected to a CPAg-AGID (cytoplasmic agar gel immunodiffusion test) with a negative result in the 16 days prior to the date of shipment, **OR**
- 1.3 The dog has had a suspicious RSAT or TAT result and has been subjected to a CPAg-AGID with a negative result, with the second sample collected in the 16 days prior to the date of shipment, **OR**
- 1.4 The dog has had a suspicious TAT result and the test was repeated in 30-42 days after the first test with a negative result, with the second sample collected in the 16 days prior to the date of shipment.

The New Zealand's import requirements regarding internal parasite treatment are as follow for dogs from the RSA:

- 2.1 The dog or cat was treated twice with a product (or combination of products) registered for the control of nematodes and cestodes at the manufacturer's dose. **AND**
- 2.2 The first treatment was given in the 30 days prior to the date of shipment and at least two weeks before the second treatment. **AND**
- 2.3 The second treatment (or course of treatment) was given in the four days prior to the date of shipment.

The New Zealand import requirements regarding external parasite treatment are as follow for dogs from the RSA:

- 3.1 The dog or cat was treated by a veterinarian twice with a topical product registered for the control of ticks and fleas, at the manufacturer's recommended dose, and certified as free from external parasites at each treatment. **AND**
- 3.2 The first treatment was given in the 30 days prior to the date of shipment and at least two weeks before the second treatment, and the animal was free of external parasites. **AND**
- 3.3 The second treatment was given in the four days prior to the date of shipment and the animal was free of external parasites.

Please assist the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries by confirming the intervals between the products given and ensuring that the animals exported truly are free from internal and external parasites. It should also be confirmed that the blood test results are indeed negative on the pre-export blood test results. All other import requirements of New Zealand, for dogs and cats, should be adhered to.

Non-compliant animals exported might be euthanised or send back to the exporting country. South Africa's credibility is also affected when non-compliant consignments are exported to trade partners.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard.

Kind regards



DIRECTOR OF ANIMAL HEALTH
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