



Clarifications for the MPI Export Programme for Cats and Dogs to Australia and Canine and feline semen of NZ origin to Australia.

Note that the latest clarification on a topic overrides any previous clarification on that topic.

These clarifications are relevant to the current Operational Code.

All previous clarifications have been included or superseded in the current Operational Code.

Previous clarifications can be obtained from AsureQuality or MPI upon request.

Clarification No.	26
Date Issued	13 March 2023
Subject	Updated certificate and requirements
<p>As of 01 March 2023, the export certificate and agreed requirements have been updated and re published.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All cats and dogs being certified on 01 March 2023, and afterward, must be certified on the new export certificate reference AUPET9, dated 01 March 2023. Veterinarians approved for the purpose of certifying cats and dogs to Australia will now be able to certify imported dogs, as the <i>Ehrlichia Canis</i> testing requirement and country freedom clause has been removed. All imported cats and dogs will need to complete 180 days residency in New Zealand before being eligible for export to Australia. Any time spent in quarantine does not count as residency. Day 1 of residency is calculated from the first full calendar day of release. <p>EXAMPLE: if an animal is released at 2pm on Monday 01 December, the first day of residency is Tuesday 02 December. The first day of possible travel to Australia is on day 180, which would be 30 May 2023.</p>	

Clarification No.	25
Date Issued	22 December 2022
Subject	Testing for <i>Ehrlichia canis</i> has been removed
<p>The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry have recently removed the requirement for <i>Ehrlichia Canis</i> testing.</p> <p>Any dogs which have previously been imported into NZ (from a country other than Australia) has two options to facilitate accurate certification:</p> <p>Option 1: the dog will continue to be tested for <i>Ehrlichia canis</i> and therefore certified by the Approved Veterinarian as usual (due to no alterations being required on the certificate)</p> <p>OR</p>	

Option 2: the dog is not tested for *Ehrlichia canis* but will have to be certified by MPI Official Veterinarians who can alter the current version export certificate.

Please note that option 2 still requires the Approved Veterinarian to prepare the animal for certification by an MPI Official vet using the form: [Veterinary Treatment certificate for dogs and cats to support Official MPI export certification \(including cats and dogs to Australia\)](#) and by following the process in the Operational Code, section 3.16 (page 27) [Cats-and-Dogs-to-Australia-Operational-Code](#)

To clarify, this update is **only for dogs which have been previously imported into New Zealand** (from a country other than Australia), and whereby the exporter on clause 6 of the exporter declaration indicates the 3rd option.