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No: .....

EXPORT OF MEERKATS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO NEW ZEALAND

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

EXPORTING COUNTRY: UNITED KINGDOM

CERTIFYING  
VETERINARIAN: OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

I. IDENTIFICATION OF THE ANIMAL

Microchip/ tattoo identification no.	Site of microchip /tattoo	Other identification	Species	Sex	Date of birth

Import permit number:

II. ORIGIN OF THE ANIMAL

Name and address of exporter:

Place of origin of animal:

Port of embarkation:

III. DESTINATION OF THE ANIMAL

Name and address of consignee:

Flight number:

Port of arrival:

#### IV. HEALTH INFORMATION

##### VETERINARY CERTIFICATE A

I, \_\_\_\_\_ being a registered veterinarian and authorised to provide veterinary services to the government registered zoo or wildlife park named in paragraph **II.**, certify after due enquiry with respect to the Meerkat(s) identified in the attached Zoosanitary Certificate that:

- a) ♦ After due enquiry or physical examination, I am satisfied that the animal:
- ♦ (i) is a member of the species *Suricata suricatta*;
  - (ii) was born, and has been continuously resident in a government registered or licensed zoo or wildlife park;
  - (iii) is not in the last third of pregnancy;
- b) **EITHER\*** The animal was kept since birth or for the 6 months prior to shipment in a rabies free country as defined by Article 3.1.5.2 of the OIE International Animal Health Code,
- OR\*** The animal has been kept since birth or for the 12 months prior to shipment in an establishment where no case of rabies has been reported for at least 12 months prior to shipment.

##### Pre-export Isolation

- c) The animal was isolated from all other animals not of the same health and residency status for 30 days prior to the schedule date of export, and the animal and all in contact animals were free from clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases during that period.
- d) During the pre-export isolation period:
- (i) The animal was treated for leptospirosis with dihydrostreptomycin at a therapeutic dose rate for 5 consecutive days.
  - (ii) The animal was treated on two occasions at a minimum of 14 days apart against internal parasites using the following compounds with broad-spectrum efficacy:  
Date of 1st treatment:  
Date of 2nd treatment:  
Active ingredients and dose rate:
  - (iii) Blood smears which have been appropriately stained were examined for *babesia* and found to be negative.
  - (iv) A faecal sample taken from the animal was examined for the presence of coccidial oocysts, and if found to be positive, the animal was subsequently treated with an effective product for the treatment of coccidial infections according to the manufacturer's recommendations.
  - (v) The animal was subjected to two faecal examinations, at least 14 days apart, using a flotation concentration method (able to detect 1 egg/3g of faeces) with negative results. (*based on that of: Egwang TG, Slocombe JOD. Evaluation of the Cornwell-Wisconsin centrifugal flotation technique for recovering trichostrongylid eggs from bovine feces. Canadian Journal of Comparative Medicine 46, 133-7, 1982.*)

(vi) Within 72 hours of shipment the animal was treated with an insecticide dip or spray capable of killing ticks, lice and fleas:

Date of treatment:

Active ingredient:

(vii) Within 48 hours of shipment, I examined the animal and found it to be free from clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases and free from external parasites.

e) All laboratory tests were conducted at a Government laboratory or a laboratory approved by the Government Veterinary Service of this country.

REGISTERED VETERINARIAN Stamp

Signed ..... RCVS

Name in block letters .....

Address .....

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Date.....

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**\* Delete as appropriate**

**VETERINARY CERTIFICATE B**

I, ..... the Official Veterinarian at the port of export of the animal(s) for export to New Zealand identified in the attached zoosanitary certificate, certify that:

- a) At the time of export the animal was inspected and found to be healthy and fit to travel, and free from clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease.
- b) The animal is being exported from a country which is\*/is not\* free of rabies as defined by Article 3.1.5.2 of the OIE International Animal Health Code.
- c) The veterinarian certifying Veterinary Certificate A is a registered veterinarian in the exporting country.
- d) All the required documents were examined and found to be correctly completed in accordance with the New Zealand import health standard requirements.
- e) The animal was placed in a container that met IATA standards, detailed in the section **Air Transport to New Zealand** of the import health standard. The container was fastened with an official seal bearing the number or mark:  
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OFFICIAL PORT VETERINARIAN Stamp      Signed ..... RCVS  
Name in block letters .....  
Address .....  
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Date.....