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## **OVERSEAS MARKET ACCESS REQUIREMENTS NOTIFICATION**

### **ANIMAL PRODUCTS ACT 1999**

### **BIOSECURITY AUTHORITY**

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**OMAR B BIRAVIEC.CAN 30.05.02 - SONGBIRDS, PASSERINES and PSITTACIFORMES to CANADA**

#### **Statutory authority**

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999, I notify the following overseas market access requirements and specifications, entitled SONGBIRDS, PASSERINES and PSITTACIFORMES to CANADA.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 2002.

Signed by Carolyn Hini  
National Manager International Animal Trade  
MAF Biosecurity Authority  
(pursuant to delegated authority)

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#### **IMPORT PERMIT**

An import permit is required prior to export and is obtainable from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

#### **EXPORT REQUIREMENTS**

An official veterinarian of New Zealand must certify the following:

##### **Country Health Status**

New Zealand must be officially free from Newcastle disease (ICPI > 0.2), and pathogenic avian influenza A.

## **Residency Status of Animals**

The birds must have been resident in New Zealand since birth or hatching; or the birds must have been resident in New Zealand for at least 60 days prior to export or any quarantine period.

## **Examination**

The birds must be examined and found to be free from any clinical signs of infectious diseases within 30 days prior to export. The birds must be declared to be fit to travel.

## **Transport**

When transported by air, the birds must be transported in accordance with IATA Live Animal Regulations.

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## **Certification**

Certification is to be provided on the appropriate export certificate form determined to be an official assurance under section 62(1) of the Animal Products Act 1999.

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## **Definitions**

For the purposes of this document:

Any term or expression that is defined in the Animal Products Act 1999 and used, but not defined in this document, has the same meaning as in this Act.

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## **Other pertinent information**

If utilizing non electronic identification, the animals to be imported must be uniquely identified by a tattoo, an ear tag, flock number, wing or tamper evident leg bands. The accompanying export certification must correlate the unique identification number to a description detailing the animals' breed, colour, sex, age and any identifying marks.

The animals being presented for importation must not come into contact with any animals, products or equipment of a lesser zoosanitary health status during the entire required periods of residency, storage, and transportation to the port of exportation and loading onto the international transport carrier. The carrier must be instructed to maintain this status throughout transport to the port of entry into Canada.

The animals must be shipped by the most direct and appropriate route from the point of export to the address of destination in Canada. Transshipment through another country requires written authorization from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

Written approval for routing of the shipment of animals through another country must be attached to the permit and accompany the shipment. With the exception of changing planes, the animals must not be off loaded at any port of call en route.

The animal(s) must be imported into Canada through a minimum level quarantine facility approved by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency for that purpose. The import quarantine facility must have been previously approved for use as a minimum security quarantine facility by a veterinary inspector designated under the Health of Animals Act. The facility evaluation shall include: location, fencing, physical structure, lighting, water supply, waste disposal, vector and pest control, movement of people, security, cleaning and disinfection protocols. A report that the facility has been approved must have been issued by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFA). No animal may be moved from their respective quarantine premises until duly discharged by an inspector designated under the Health of Animals Act. On completion of quarantine with negative results on all tests, the animals will be released to the importer and / or owner. The animals being presented for importation must be quarantined for a minimum of forty-five (45) days or a longer period of time as necessary to complete the tests required to meet the import conditions.

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### *Explanatory note*

*This OMAR is based on the requirements provided in the export certificate Songbirds, passerines and psittaciformes to Canada dated 30 May 2002.*

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### **Disclaimer**

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