

Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999 – MAF Biosecurity New Zealand

Ref: AE-BT 19L

Date: 16 June 08

OMAR B BIRANSEC.BHT 16.06.08 – DAY-OLD-CHICKS TO BHUTAN

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

(i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled day-old-chicks to Bhutan.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington on this 24th day of June 2008.

Signed: Karen Sparrow
Exports Manager
Border Standards
MAF Biosecurity New Zealand
(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. Bhutan Requirements

Day-old-chicks exported from New Zealand to Bhutan must comply with the import requirements of Bhutan listed in this notice as follows:

2.1 An import permit is required for the exportation of day-old-chicks to Bhutan.

2.2 An official veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, must certify, after due enquiry:

2.2.1 They have come from establishments that are free of Newcastle disease and infectious bursal disease.

2.2.2 They come from establishments where, within 25km radius from these establishments, there has been no case of H5 or H7 subtype of avian influenza virus for a period of six months immediately prior to collection of the hatching eggs.

2.2.3 They originate from breeding flocks whose birds have been in the exporting country for the past 6 months or since hatching and have not been in contact with any imported birds, feral birds and migratory birds.

2.2.4 They have come from establishments which are regularly inspected by an Official Veterinarian, and from hatcheries which comply with the standards referred to in Appendix 3.4.1.1 to 3.4.1.8 of the OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2007*. A monitoring programme is in place for *Salmonella* infection at these establishments.

2.2.5 They have come from establishments in which vaccination against Marek's disease is practiced. Date of vaccination and age of flock, type of vaccine, route of administration, trade name and manufacturer.

2.2.6 They come from establishments and/or hatcheries that are recognised free of avian mycoplasmosis, avian leukosis, egg-drop syndrome, fowl cholera, fowl typhoid (*Salmonella Gallinarum*), Pullorum disease, infectious laryngeal tracheitis (ILT), infectious coryza, avian tuberculosis, and highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). The establishments and/or hatcheries were free of clinical signs of avian infectious diseases at the time of collection of the eggs.

2.2.7 They originated from flocks that have not been vaccinated for avian influenza, and no live Newcastle vaccine or any other live vaccine has been administered during the 3 months prior to collection of the hatching eggs.

2.2.8 The eggs were derived from flocks that had been kept in a notifiable avian influenza (NAI) free country/zone/establishment for at least 21 days prior to and at the time of egg collection.

2.2.9 The day-old-chicks were placed in a spill-proof new, or cleaned and disinfected, container(s), which were sealed with an official seal, bearing the number to be recorded on the export certificate.

3. 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.

Explanatory note

This OMAR is based on the export certificate for day-old-chicks to Bhutan dated 16 June 2008.

Additional Information on OMAR Notification: BIRANSEC.BHT 16.06.08

1. The notes to this OMAR were updated in December 2011 to allow agreed changes to the certificate due to differences with the Import Permit in regards to live vaccines.
2. This is a new OMAR which is based on the export certificate for day-old chicks to Bhutan, dated 16 June 2008. It is based on the Import Permit, serial No. 110, dated 10 June 2008. The certificate was approved by Dr. Sithar Dorjee in an e-mail of 16 June 2008. A clarification to clause 3 on the notes page was approved by Dr. Sithar Dorjee in an e-mail of 30 April 2009.
3. An Import Permit is required.
4. Bhutan has agreed via email that it is acceptable to strike-through the statement “any other live vaccine” in clause 2.2.7 for flocks that have had live Infectious Bronchitis vaccination.
5. An Official Veterinarian must audit the establishments to confirm compliance with Appendix 3.4.1.1 to 3.4.1.8 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2007.
6. In clause 2.2.4 either all the laboratory results for Salmonella testing must be attached to the export certificate or the results for the last 10 weeks if the Salmonella testing is performed weekly.
7. The exporter should inform the Official Veterinary Administration of the Kingdom of Bhutan if, after exportation, a disease listed by the OIE did occur in the day-old chicks’ establishment of origin.
8. The transport container(s) must be sealed, using an official seal.
9. The day-old chicks must be accompanied by an export certificate which must be issued by the Official Veterinarian within 24 hours prior to export.

Section 61.A of the Animal Products Amendments Act 2005 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'.

