



Animal Products Notice

Day-old Chicks, Ducklings, Turkey Poults, and Hatching Eggs to the Cook Islands (OMAR)

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TITLE

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COMMENCEMENT

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 18 December 2023

REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- OMAR B BIRHDOEC.CKI 30.03.11 – Hatching eggs, day-old chicks, ducklings and turkey poults to the Cook Islands

ISSUING AUTHORITY

This Animal Products Notice is issued under sections 167(1) and 60(1) of the Animal Products Act 1999.

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Introduction

This introduction is not part of the Animal Products Notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to set out the zoosanitary requirements necessary to export compliant day-old chicks, ducklings, turkey poults, and hatching eggs from New Zealand to the Cook Islands.

Background

The Animal Products Act 1999 provides the controls and mechanisms needed to give and to safeguard official assurances or zoosanitary certificates to facilitate the entry of animal material including live animals, hatching eggs, semen and embryos, and products into overseas markets.

Notices issued as Overseas Market Access Requirements (OMARs) under section 60(1)(a) and (b) of the Animal Products Act specify the requirements that are necessary or desirable for the purpose of facilitating access to overseas markets or are in accordance with the requirements of the relevant authority of the importing country.

OMARs may also determine the form and content of the official assurances that can be issued for animal material or product, including live animals, hatching eggs, semen, or embryos, which meet the specified requirements.

Where the OMAR determines the form and content of the official assurances, a separate zoosanitary certificate template is available to authorised persons, recognised persons and registered exporters who have applied for access to the certificate templates, to facilitate the completion and issuing of the relevant official assurance. That template will be an amendable version of the form set in the OMAR.

Notices issued under section 60(1)(c) of the Animal Products Act to safeguard the assurances provided by New Zealand, and guidance in the form of Operational Codes, should be read in conjunction with this Notice.

This OMAR specifies the requirements that must be met by exporters of day-old chicks, ducklings, turkey poults, and hatching eggs to be exported from New Zealand to the Cook Islands and determines the form and content of the official assurance that must accompany the day-old chicks, ducklings, turkey poults, and hatching eggs to be exported. The OMAR was issued after consultation with industry and the Cook Islands. It is based on the *Conditions for the Importation of Day-old Chicks, Hatching Eggs, Ducklings and Turkey Poults from New Zealand to the Cook Islands* issued by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Government of the Cook Islands.

Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of day-old chicks, ducklings, turkey poults, and hatching eggs to the Cook Islands.

Operators of Risk Management Programmes (RMP) collecting day-old chicks and hatching eggs for export to the Cook Islands.

Operators of MPI approved premises collecting ducklings and turkey poults and hatching eggs for export to the Cook Islands.

Why is this important?

This Notice is important because it sets out the requirements that need to be met so that the Director-General of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) can certify that the day-old chicks, ducklings, turkey poults, and hatching eggs meet the requirements for export to the Cook Islands which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of the Cook Islands, has determined will apply. It should be noted that although the day-old chicks, ducklings, turkey poults, and hatching eggs may comply with these requirements and be given an official assurance (by way of a certificate), the importing country ultimately retains control over what day-old chicks, ducklings, turkey poults, and hatching eggs it clears for entry.

Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
18 December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All sections• Part 2; Section IV (Sanitary Information)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New OMAR format• Clause inserted to apply testing requirement for Egg Drop Syndrome '76 following request by the Competent Authority of the Cook Islands.

Other information

Export non-conformances

Exporters should note that, under section 51 of the Animal Products Act 1999, where they have exported animal material or products, including live animals, hatching eggs, semen, and embryos, that are refused entry by the foreign government they have a statutory duty to notify the Director-General of MPI not later than 24 hours after they have first knowledge of the event.

Liability

Section 61A of the Animal Products Act 1999 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.

Related documents

OMAR documents can be downloaded from <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/export-requirements/omars-for-live-animals-semen-and-embryos/>

When you click on the + symbol on the right-hand side of any OMAR document, you can view the related information and documents (guidance document and zoosanitary certificate template).

The zoosanitary certificate for this OMAR is provided for *Day-old chicks, ducklings, turkey poults, and hatching eggs to the Cook Islands (Zoosanitary Certificate)*. The zoosanitary certificate is password-protected through a RealMe® account.

Part 1: Requirements

1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to the export of day-old chicks, ducklings, turkey poults, and hatching eggs from New Zealand to the Cook Islands.

1.2 Definitions

- (1) In this Notice, unless the context otherwise requires:

Act means the Animal Products Act 1999.

Day-old chick means a live bird of the species *Gallus gallus domesticus* within the first seventy-two (72) hours of life or while it has not been fed.

Duckling means a live bird of the species *Anas platyrhynchos domestica* within the first seventy-two (72) hours of life or while it has not been fed.

Hatching egg means an egg of the species *Gallus gallus domesticus*, or *Anas platyrhynchos domestica*, or *Meleagris gallopavo gallopavo* produced for the purpose of incubation.

MPI approved veterinarian means a veterinarian approved by MPI to conduct defined tasks, and who, in the case of this Notice, is responsible for ensuring the day-to-day activities of an approved hatchery and export source flock in accordance with any relevant requirements.

MPI approved premises means those premises which have, at their request, been specifically approved and listed by the Director-General for the purpose of producing day-old chicks and hatching eggs of poultry eligible for official assurances subject to the relevant export requirements.

Poultry means domestic fowls (*Gallus gallus domesticus*), ducks (*Anas platyrhynchos domestica*), and turkeys (*Meleagris gallopavo gallopavo*).

Source flock means a group of breeding poultry housed on a single farm and managed as a single epidemiological unit. A flock may have a single health status in respect of the requirements of its intended export destinations.

Turkey poult means a live bird of the species *Meleagris gallopavo gallopavo* within the first seventy-two (72) hours of life or while it has not been fed.

- (2) A term used in this Notice that is defined in the Act, and the following Regulations and Notices (or their successors) has the meaning given to it in the Act or that Regulations or Notice:

- a) [Animal Products Regulations 2021.](#)
- b) [Animal Products Notice: Official Assurances Specifications for Animal Material and Animal Products.](#)
- c) [Animal Products Notice: Recognised Laboratories.](#)
- d) [Animal Products Notice: Production, Supply and Processing.](#)

1.3 Requirements for export

- (1) Day-old chicks, ducklings, turkey poults, and hatching eggs exported from New Zealand to the Cook Islands must be accompanied by an official assurance in the form of a zoosanitary certificate, a sample version of which is included in Part 2.
- (2) A zoosanitary certificate must be completed and issued by an authorised person.
- (3) In order to issue a zoosanitary certificate, the authorised person must be satisfied that:
 - a) A Permit to Import day-old chicks, ducklings, turkey poults, and hatching eggs from New Zealand to the Cook Islands has been obtained from the Director of Biosecurity Service, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of the Cook Islands.
 - b) The consignment is being transported to the Cook Islands by air as manifest cargo.
 - c) The day-old chicks, ducklings, turkey poults, and hatching eggs are being transported in accordance with the recommendations made in Chapter 7.4 (Transport of Animals by Air) of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organisation for Animal Health and the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animal Regulations, as appropriate.
 - d) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice.

1.4 Laboratories

- (1) Where this Notice requires laboratory testing to be undertaken for official purposes the testing, unless otherwise stated must be done in laboratories recognised by MPI for this testing.

Part 2: Zoosanitary Certificate



Certificate No:

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Commodity: DAY-OLD CHICKS, DUCKLINGS, TURKEY POULTS, AND HATCHING EGGS

To: COOK ISLANDS

Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND

Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Import Permit Number:

I: IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMALS

Number	Identification	Species

Total number:

II: SOURCE OF ANIMALS

Name and address of exporter:

Name and Address of the establishment of origin*:

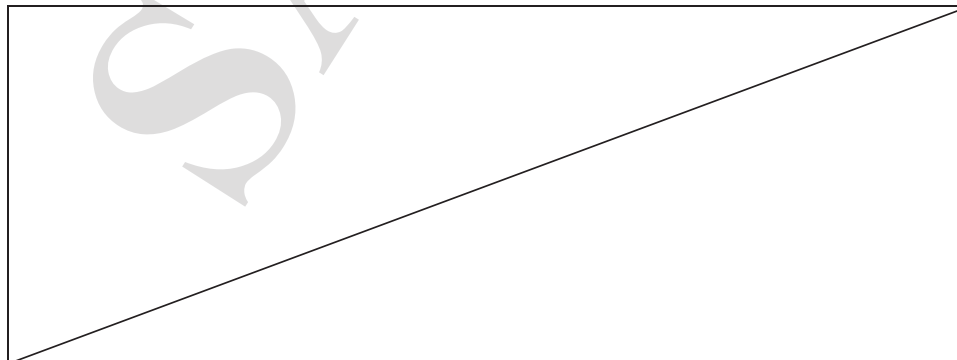
Or of the hatchery*:

(* Delete whichever is not applicable)

III: DESTINATION OF ANIMALS

Name and address of consignee:

Means and identification of transport:



IV: SANITARY INFORMATION

ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries certify after due enquiry in regard to the day-old chicks, ducklings, turkey poults, and hatching eggs identified in this Zoosanitary Certificate that:

1. New Zealand is free from:
 - 1.1. Newcastle disease (avian paramyxovirus serotype 1, or APMV-1) and high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI), and vaccination against these diseases is not permitted;
 - 1.2. clinical signs of infectious bursal disease (Gumboro disease).
2. The flock from which the eggs were collected for hatching:
 - 2.1. has been inspected by an inspector from the Ministry for Primary Industries within three (3) months of export with all relevant health records being examined;
 - 2.2. is vaccinated against:

Disease	Vaccine used
Avian encephalomyelitis	
Avian infectious bronchitis	
 - 2.3. has tested negative to egg drop syndrome '76 within ninety-eight (98) days prior to export (thirty (30) individuals sampled).
3. The day-old chicks, ducklings, turkey poults and/or hatching eggs originate from establishments and/or hatcheries:
 - 3.1. which are recognised as being free from *Salmonella* Gallinarum (fowl typhoid) and *Salmonella* Pullorum (pullorum disease), and which have been free from clinical signs of avian infectious bronchitis, avian infectious laryngotracheitis (ILT) and fowl cholera for the previous one year;
 - 3.2. which are free from clinical evidence of mycoplasmosis;
4. The day-old chicks:
 - 4.1. were vaccinated against Marek's disease;
 - 4.2. were exported in clean and new packages;
 - 4.3. have not come into contact with any avians other than of the same health status.
5. The hatching eggs were disinfected in accordance with the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) standards, were identified, and were exported in clean and new packages.

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Official Veterinarian
Ministry for Primary Industries

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Official Stamp and Date

Name and Address:

NB: The Official Veterinarian must sign, date, and stamp each page of the zoosanitary certificate using a different colour ink to the paper and the print, and, where applicable, sign, date, and stamp each page of the documents (e.g., laboratory reports) that form part of the extended zoosanitary certification.