

# **OVERSEAS MARKET ACCESS REQUIREMENTS NOTIFICATION - ANIMAL PRODUCTS ACT 1999 – MAF BIOSECURITY NEW ZEALAND**

**Ref:** AE-CH-19L

**Date:** 7 October 2010

## **OMAR B BIRAVIEC.SWI 07.10.10 – PET BIRDS to SWITZERLAND**

### **1. Statutory authority**

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

(i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements and specifications, entitled pet birds to Switzerland.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 2010.

Signed: Rachelle Linwood  
Acting Group Manager  
Animal Imports and Exports Group  
Border Standards Directorate  
MAF Biosecurity New Zealand  
(pursuant to delegated authority)

### **2. Requirements of Switzerland**

Pet birds exported from New Zealand to Switzerland must comply with the import requirements of the Switzerland listed in this notice as follows:

2.1 An Official Veterinarian authorised by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry must certify, after due enquiry, the following:

2.1.1 The country of dispatch is a member country of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and belongs to the OIE Regional Commission for Asia, Far East, and Oceania.

2.1.2 The birds described in point I.28 of the veterinary certificate have been subjected today, within 48 hours or the last working day prior to dispatch, to a clinical inspection and found free of obvious signs of disease.

2.1.3 The birds comply with at least one of the following conditions:

2.1.3.1 either for those third countries listed in Decision 79/542/EEC, they have been confined on the premises specified in point I.11 of the veterinary certificate under official supervision for at least 30 days prior to dispatch and effectively protected from contact with other birds

2.1.3.2 or they have been isolated for at least 10 days prior to export and have been subjected to a test for the detection of H5N1 antigen or genome, as prescribed in Chapter 2.1.14 of the Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals, carried out on a sample taken not earlier than on the third day of isolation.

(To be deleted as necessary)

2.2 The owner or the representative of the owner has declared:

2.2.1 The birds will be accompanied during the movement by a person that is responsible for the animals

2.2.2 The animals are not intended for commercial purposes

2.2.3 During the period between the pre-movement veterinary inspection and the factual departure the birds will remain isolated from any possible contact with other birds

2.2.4 The animals have undergone the 30 days pre-movement isolation without coming into contact with any other birds not covered by the veterinary certificate.

(To be deleted as necessary)

2.3 The owner or representative <sup>(a)</sup> of the owner of the pet birds must declare that the birds for export as identified in the export certificate that:

<sup>(a)</sup> To be deleted as appropriate.

2.3.1 The birds will be accompanied during the movement by a person that is responsible for the animals

2.3.2 The animals are not intended for commercial purposes

2.3.3 During the period between the pre-movement veterinary inspection and the factual departure the birds will remain isolated from any possible contact with other birds.

2.3.4 The animals have undergone the 30 days pre-movement isolation without coming into contact to any other birds not covered by 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***

*These overseas market access requirements are based on the export certificate for pet birds to Switzerland, dated 7 October 2010.*

## **Additional Information on OMAR Notification: BIRAVIEC.SWI 07.10.10**

1. This is a new OMAR based on the new export certificate for pet birds to Switzerland, dated 7 October 2010. MAFBNZ was advised by the Swiss Federal Veterinary Office in September 2010 that Switzerland will accept the export of pet birds from New Zealand under the conditions laid out in Commission Decision (2007/25/EC).
2. The export certificate is for the purpose of exporting pet birds to Switzerland. Not more than five (5) pets (regardless of species) may be imported at the same time. This export certificate applies to imports of birds kept as household companions, or out of interest i.e. hobbyist, and only if they accompany their owners or persons acting on behalf of the owners, and are not to be sold or otherwise passed on to new owners. This export certificate does not apply to poultry - all fowl, turkeys, guinea fowl, ducks, geese, pigeons, quails, pheasants, partridges, ostriches and other ratites.
3. The export certificate is based on the model certificate in Annex II of Commission Decision 2007/25/EC.
4. In clause 2.1.3, there are 4 options and 2 of these options have been deleted. They have been removed as there is currently no suitable quarantine in Switzerland, and vaccination against avian influenza is not permitted.
5. Clause 2.2 is verified by using the attached Declaration of the Owner / Representative of the Owner of Pet Birds, which provides of the supporting documentation to accompany the official assurance.
6. The people listed in Items I.1 and I.5 of the export certificate must tally.
7. All pet birds are subject to Veterinary Border Inspection upon arrival in Switzerland.
8. The export certificate is valid for ten (10) days. In case of transport by boat, the validity is prolonged by the time of the sea voyage.

**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.**