



Aviary Birds to Taiwan (OMAR)

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Animal Products Notice: Aviary Birds to Taiwan (OMAR)

COMMENCEMENT

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REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- BIRAVIEC.TW 19 DECEMBER 2012 – AVIARY BIRDS TO TAIWAN

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 aviary birds from New Zealand to Taiwan.

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 export 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 aviary birds to be exported from New Zealand to Taiwan and determines the form and content of the official assurance that must accompany the aviary birds to be exported. The OMAR was issued after consultation with industry and the authorities of Taiwan. It is based on the previous OMAR and updated *Quarantine Requirements for the importation of Poultry and Birds* received from BAPHIQ on 18 August 2022.

Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of aviary birds to Taiwan.

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 aviary birds meet the requirements for export to Taiwan which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of Taiwan, has determined will apply. It should be noted that although the aviary birds may comply with these requirements and be given an official assurance (by way of a certificate), Taiwan ultimately retains control over what aviary birds it clears for entry.

Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
7 December 2022	All sections	New OMAR format
	Part 2	<p>Changes to the Zoosanitary certificate attestations are based on Taiwan's updated <i>Quarantine Requirements for the importation of Poultry and Birds</i>.</p> <p>Changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A longer freedom attestation for West Nile virus (2 years instead of 1 year). • The addition to fowl typhoid and the specification of approved assays for avian influenza and Newcastle disease testing.

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 export certificate template).

The export certificate for this OMAR is provided for in *Aviary Birds to Taiwan (Export Certificate)*. The export certificate is password-protected through a RealMe® account.

Part 1: Requirements

1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to the export of aviary flying birds including but not limited to pigeons and parrots from New Zealand to Taiwan.
- (2) This Notice does not apply to:
 - a) landfowls (chickens, turkeys, pheasants, quails, guinea fowls, partridges, grouses, peafowl, ostriches, emus, cassowaries, etc) or
 - b) waterfowls (ducks, geese, swans, mandarin ducks, penguins, sandpipers, plovers, egrets, storks, cranes, rails, pelicans, etc).

1.2 Definitions

- (1) In this Notice, unless the context otherwise requires:
Act means the Animal Products Act 1999
- (2) A term used in this Notice that is defined in the Act or the following Notices (or their successors) has the meaning given to it in the Act or that Notice:
 - a) [Animal Products Notice: Official Assurances Specifications for Animal Material and Animal Products.](#)
 - b) [Animal Products Notice: Specifications for Laboratories.](#)

1.3 Requirements for export

- (1) Aviary birds exported from New Zealand to Taiwan 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 the aviary birds has been issued by the competent authority of Taiwan.
 - b) 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: BIRDS (SIX OR MORE INCLUDING PIGEONS, PARROTS, EAGLES AND OTHER FLYING BIRDS)

To: TAIWAN

Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND

Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Import Permit Number:

I: IDENTIFICATION OF BIRDS

Identification number	Scientific name

Total number of birds:

II: SOURCE OF BIRDS

Name, address and unique identifier of exporter:

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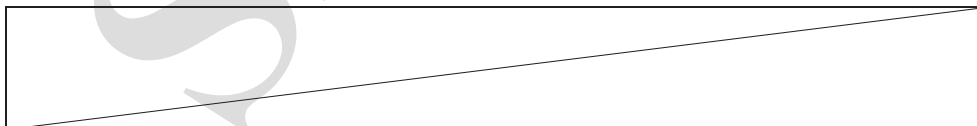
Name and address of the premises of origin:

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III: DESTINATION OF BIRDS

Name and address of consignee:

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IV: SANITARY INFORMATION

I,....., being an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries certify after due enquiry in regard to the birds identified in this Zoosanitary Certificate that:

At the time of export the birds were more than 72 hours old.

1. Country freedom

- 1.1. New Zealand is free from Newcastle Disease, and Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI).
- 1.2. There have been no cases of West Nile virus in New Zealand in the two years prior to export.

2. Premises of origin

- 2.1. The birds were held for a period of at least 90 days prior to export, or following hatching, on premises that is under the supervision and regular inspection of a New Zealand-registered veterinarian responsible for disease diagnosis and notification.
- 2.2. Newcastle disease, *Salmonella pullorum* (pullorum disease), and fowl cholera have not occurred on the premises of origin for the twelve (12) months prior to export.
- 2.3. H5 and H7 subtype avian influenza, avian chlamydiosis, avian mycoplasmosis caused by *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*, fowl typhoid and infectious coryza have not occurred on the premises of origin for the 180 days prior to export.

3. Pre-export isolation

- 3.1. The birds for export have been isolated in a New Zealand government approved pre-export isolation facility for at least twenty one (21) days prior to export in premises that is under supervision of an Official Veterinarian.
 Start date of pre-export isolation: (dd/mm/yyyy)
 Finish date of pre-export isolation:..... (dd/mm/yyyy)
- 3.2. During the period of pre-export isolation, the birds were examined by a registered veterinarian, and were found to be healthy and free from clinical evidence of any contagious or transmissible diseases.
- 3.3. During the period of pre-export isolation, at least twenty (20) birds (or all birds in a consignment of twenty (20) or less), were subjected to the following disease tests, with negative results:
 - 3.3.1. H5 and H7 subtype avian influenza, using Haemagglutination Inhibition (HI) or real-time RT-PCR on oropharyngeal and cloacal swabs.
 - 3.3.2. Newcastle disease, using real-time RT-PCR on oropharyngeal and cloacal swabs.

Test	Test type	Sampling date	Laboratory	Date of test
H5 and H7 subtype avian influenza				
Newcastle disease				

- 3.4. The laboratory tests were done in accordance with the methods laid out in the WOAH (World Organisation for Animal Health) *Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Terrestrial Animals*, and were carried out at officially approved laboratories.
- 3.5. During pre-export isolation, the birds have not been in contact with any other birds.
- 3.6. During the pre-export isolation, all birds in the Family Psittacidae, have been administered with chlortetracycline, doxycycline or an antibiotic registered in New Zealand for treating or preventing avian chlamydiosis.

Certificate No:

Treatment	Dose administered	Date administered

4. Vaccination

4.1. The birds for export have not been vaccinated against avian influenza.

4.2. For diseases other than avian influenza, either:

4.2.1. The birds have been vaccinated with the following vaccines:*

Vaccine	Date of vaccination

4.2.2. The birds have not been vaccinated against any disease.*

(* Delete as appropriate)

5. Final inspection and transportation

5.1 The birds were inspected by an Official Veterinarian prior to shipment and found free of evidence from infectious and contagious diseases.

5.2 Based on a declaration from the exporter, during the voyage or flight to the importing country, the birds will be transported so as to prevent contact with other birds (including poultry).

5.3 The birds will be shipped in clean containers, which have been disinfected with an approved disinfectant.

Name of disinfectant and concentration:

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Signature of Official Veterinarian
Ministry for Primary Industries
New Zealand

Official Stamp and Date

Name and address

Note. The Official Veterinarian must sign and stamp each page of the veterinary 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 health certification.