



Ref: CTO 2014 149 [B]

## Veterinary Certification for Duck Hatching Eggs from Australia

### CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors relating to the clearance of Duck Hatching Eggs from Australia according to the approved Department of Agriculture of Australia veterinary certificate

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Matthew Stone, Chief Technical Officer, Ministry for Primary Industries, give the following directions for duck hatching eggs from Australia relating to whether to give clearance in accordance with the approved veterinary certificate from the Department of Agriculture of Australia. The approved veterinary certificate contains the following measures, different from those in sections 1.7, 1.8 (1) a), 1.8 (1) b) and 1.9 (1) of the applicable Import Health Standard: *Poultry Hatching Eggs and Specific-Pathogen-Free Chicken Eggs* COMEGIC.GEN issued 10 October 2014:

The accepted equivalent clauses of the approved veterinary certificate are as follows:

*2. The parent flock was inspected by a registered veterinarian within the 28 days prior to the commencement of collection of eggs for export and was found to be free of clinical evidence of disease. This inspection was undertaken while the flock were housed in the premise where egg collection took place.*

Equivalent to section 1.8(1)a) of the IHS, and clause (4) of the model veterinary certificate, a registered veterinarian will undertake the inspections rather than an Official Veterinarian, with the Official Veterinarian signing out the veterinary certificate.

*3. Diagnostic testing was conducted at a laboratory accredited by the National Association of Testing Authorities. Laboratory or other diagnostic tests used on birds were those prescribed for that disease in the OIE Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals (Manual) for use during international trade, and/or those approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Primary Industry (MPI).*

Equivalent to section 1.7(1) and 1.7(4) of the IHS and clauses 8 and 9 of the model veterinary certificate. The testing will be undertaken at a laboratory accredited by the National Association of Testing Authorities, rather than at a Competent Authority approved laboratory. The proposed tests are listed in MPI-STD-TVTL.

*4. Laboratory samples were under the supervision of a registered veterinarian and were collected, processed, and stored as recommended in the Code and/or Manual, and/or as specified by MPI.*

Equivalent to section 1.7(2) and 1.7(3) of the IHS and clause 10 of the model veterinary certificate. The registered veterinarian, rather than the Official Veterinarian will supervise collection of samples.

*9. The consignment was inspected by a registered veterinarian within 48 hours of export and the eggs found to be clean and undamaged. The duck hatching eggs were then sealed under the supervision of the registered veterinarian. (Date of sealing and any other details on the seal are appended to this veterinary certificate).*