

**OVERSEAS MARKET ACCESS REQUIREMENTS NOTIFICATION -
ANIMAL PRODUCTS ACT 1999 – IMPORT AND EXPORT
STANDARDS, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY NEW
ZEALAND**

Ref: AE-CK-19L

Date: 30 March 2011

**OMAR B BIRHDOEC.CKI 30.03.11 – HATCHING EGGS, DAY-OLD
CHICKS, DUCKLINGS and TURKEY POULTS to the COOK ISLANDS**

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled hatching eggs, day-old chicks, ducklings and turkey poult to the Cook Islands

ii) Revoke OMAR B BIRHDOEC.CKI 03.02.04.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 19th day of May 2011.

Signed: Rachelle Linwood
Acting Group Manager
Animal Imports and Exports
Import Export Directorate
Standards Branch
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. Cook Islands Requirements

Hatching eggs, day-old chicks, ducklings and turkey poult exported from New Zealand to the Cook Islands must comply with the import regulations of Cook Islands listed in this notice as follows.

2.1 An Import Permit is required for the exportation of hatching eggs, day-old chicks, ducklings and turkey poults to the Cook Islands.

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

2.2.1 New Zealand is free from:

2.2.1.1 pathogenic Newcastle disease and avian influenza. Vaccination against these diseases is not permitted

2.2.1.2 clinical signs of infectious bursal disease (Gumboro disease).

2.2.2 During the thirty (30) day period immediately preceding the date of export the establishment/hatchery of origin has been free from signs of infectious or contagious disease.

2.2.3 The flock from which the eggs were collected for hatching:

2.2.3.1 has been inspected by an inspector from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry within three (3) months of export with all relevant health records having been examined

2.2.3.2 has been vaccinated against Avian encephalomyelitis and Avian infectious bronchitis. Vaccine(s) used

2.2.3.3 originate from establishments and/or hatcheries:

2.2.3.3.1 which are recognised as being free from pullorum-typhoid disease and which have been free from clinical signs of avian infectious bronchitis, avian infectious laryngotracheitis (ILT) and fowl cholera for the previous one (1) year

2.2.3.3.2 which are free from clinical evidence of mycoplasmosis.

2.2.4 The day-old chicks:

2.2.4.1 were vaccinated against Marek's disease

2.2.4.2 were exported in clean and new packages

2.2.4.3 have not come into contact with any avians other than of the same health status.

2.2.5 The hatching eggs were:

2.2.5.1 disinfected in accordance with the OIE standards, were identified and were exported in clean and new packages.

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 current export certificate for the exportation of hatching eggs, day-old chicks, ducklings and turkey poults to the Cook Islands, dated 30 March 2011.

**Additional Information for OMAR Notification: BIRHDOEC.CKI
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1. This OMAR replaces the previous OMAR dated 3 February 2004, which was based on the export certificate dated 30 March 2011 which was drafted from original conditions dated June 2001. Changes made are to include the exporter's declaration in the body of the export certificate, reformatting and editorial changes and to include guidance for the introduction of the approval system of hatcheries under the OAP (Note 11). This was approved by the Cook Islands on 11 May 2011.
2. An Import Permit is required to import day-old chicks/fertile eggs from New Zealand to the Cook Islands must be obtained from the Secretary of Agriculture
3. Each consignment of day-old chicks, turkey poults and other newly hatched avian species or the hatching eggs of same, must be accompanied by the Zoosanitary Certificate, signed by an Official Veterinarian of the exporting country.
4. Before unloading on arrival, the provisional import license and the zoosanitary certificate must be presented to a Veterinary Officer or a Quarantine Officer of the Cook Islands Ministry of Agriculture.
5. The day-old chicks must be consigned to the Cook Islands by air only as manifested cargo.
6. The actual date of embarkation and the Airline/Flight number must be advised to the Chief Quarantine Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Cook Islands (Telephone (682) 28711, fax (682) 21881 at the earliest opportunity and at least one working day before shipping.
7. The day-old chicks/hatching eggs, ducklings, turkey poults must be transported in accordance with the recommendations of the transport of live animals of the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA) live animal regulations as appropriate.
8. The day-old chicks/hatching eggs, ducklings, turkey poults must be transported directly without contact with any avian not of equivalent certified health status, from the port of departure in the exporting country to the port of entry in the Cook Islands.

9. The day-old chicks/hatching eggs, ducklings, turkey poultts will be inspected and treated as necessary on arrival in the Cook Islands by a Veterinary Officer or Quarantine Officer and they may not leave the quarantine area of the airport until a quarantine release has been issued.
10. Any day-old chicks/hatching eggs, ducklings, turkey poultts imported into the Cook Islands in contravention of any conditions of the import permit (of which these conditions form a part) will be seized and may be destroyed or re-exported at the owner's expense.
11. An Official Veterinarian means a veterinarian authorised by the Veterinary Administration of the country to perform animal health and/or public health inspections of commodities and, when appropriate, perform certification in conformity with the provisions of the chapter of the OIE Code pertaining to principles of certification. Veterinarians authorised or accredited under the Animal Products Act 1999 can be termed 'Official Veterinarians'.
12. Where the hatchery or source flocks are required to be inspected within a specified time frame prior to export, the poultry veterinarian approved under the OAP can perform this function.
13. Clause IV, item 1.1 of the export certificate: The term avian influenza is to mean notifiable avian influenza. This should be defined as an infection of poultry caused by any influenza A virus of the H5 or H7 subtypes, or by any AI virus with an intravenous pathogenicity (IVPI) greater than 1.2 (or as an alternative at least 75% mortality).

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'.