

## **Export Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999**

### **Standards Branch, Animal and Animal Products Directorate, Ministry for Primary Industries**

Ref: AE-US-19L

Date: 22 February 2013

### **BIRHEEC.US 4 March 2013 – HATCHING EGGS OF POULTRY TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

#### **1. Statutory authority**

Pursuant to section 60, section 60A, section 62(1) and section 167 of the Animal Products Act 1999 I notify the following:

- (i) the issue under section 60 of the export requirements for hatching eggs of poultry to the United States of America BIRHEEC.US dated 4 March 2013;
- (ii) the determination under section 62(1) of the form and content of the official assurance for hatching eggs of poultry to the United States of America.

This notice takes effect from the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

Dated at Wellington this 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2013.

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Animal and Animal Products Directorate  
Standards Branch  
(acting under delegated authority)

#### **2. United States of America requirements**

Hatching eggs of poultry exported from New Zealand to the United States of America must be accompanied by an official assurance in the form of a completed zoosanitary certificate.

The zoosanitary certificate as specified below must be completed and certified, after due enquiry, by an Official Veterinarian of the Ministry for Primary Industries.

#### **Explanatory note:**

If the zoosanitary certificate is not certified then the hatching eggs do not satisfy the conditions in the notice. Likewise, if the hatching eggs do not satisfy the zoosanitary requirements in the certificate, then the certificate will not be certified.





Certificate No: .....

**NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES**

**ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE**

Commodity: HATCHING EGGS OF POULTRY  
To: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND  
Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES  
Import Permit Number: .....

**I: IDENTIFICATION OF HATCHING EGGS**

Species	Breed	Description/Identification	Number

Total number of hatching eggs: .....

**II: SOURCE OF HATCHING EGGS**

Name and address of exporter: .....

Name and address of flock of origin: .....

**III: DESTINATION OF HATCHING EGGS**

Name and address of consignee: .....

Means and identification of transport: .....

**IV: SANITARY INFORMATION**

**VETERINARY CERTIFICATE**

I, ....., being an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries, certify after due inquiry in respect of the hatching eggs described in this zoosanitary certificate, that:

1. New Zealand is free of highly pathogen avian influenza as defined by the OIE Code, and the flock(s) of origin have not been vaccinated against any H5 or H7 subtype of avian influenza.
2. New Zealand is free of Newcastle disease as defined by the OIE Code, and the flock(s) of origin have not been vaccinated against Newcastle disease.
3. The flock(s) of origin were tested for the following diseases:
  - 3.1 The flock(s) of origin were tested serologically negative for egg drop syndrome (adenovirus 127), at a sampling rate of 5% or a minimum of 150 birds;
  - 3.2 The flock(s) of origin was tested negative on environmental culture for *Salmonella enteritidis*, and there was no evidence or knowledge of *Salmonella enteritidis* present in the flock(s);
  - 3.3 The flock(s) of origin were tested serologically negative for viral turkey rhinotracheitis (avian pneumovirus), at a sampling rate of at least 30 birds per house.
4. All testing was carried out by a government approved laboratory.
5. The flock(s) of origin were found upon inspection to be free from evidence of communicable diseases of poultry.
6. As far as it has been possible to determine, the flock(s) of origin were not exposed to communicable diseases of poultry, including Newcastle disease, during the previous ninety (90) days.
7. The flock(s) of origin are not located in any area which has been subject to any movement restrictions imposed within the previous ninety (90) days.
8. All hatching eggs for export to the United States have been sanitized by a method recognised by the OIE, and have been packed in clean unused packing material.
9. After due enquiry, the shipment will not transit through any regions where APHIS considers highly pathogen avian influenza to exist, as listed on their web page.

.....  
Signature of Official Veterinarian Official stamp and date  
New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

Name and address:  
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**Note: All pages are to be endorsed with the official stamp.**

## EXPORT CERTIFICATION

(This is not part of the official certification)

**COMMODITY:** HATCHING EGGS OF POULTRY

**COUNTRY:** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**NOTES :** This is a new export certificate, based on the import conditions of the USA. It was approved by APHIS on 21 February 2013.

1. An Import Permit is required. Importers with an existing Level 2 eAuthentication can now access ePermits to create and submit a completed application (VS Form 17-129) for an import or transit permit for APHIS-regulated live animals and their germplasm (genetic resources). For instructions on how to obtain a Level 2 eAuthentication authorization, and for additional information about electronic submissions, please go to [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_health/permits/](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/permits/)
2. The USDA defines poultry as chickens, doves, ducks, geese, grouse, guinea fowl, partridges, pea fowl, pheasants, pigeons, quail, swans, and turkeys, including hatching eggs of these species.
3. In the United States the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regulates the importation of avian species protected by various national and international acts and treaties such as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). For further information regarding additional controls of various non-domestic species, please contact the USFWS.
4. Some hatching eggs are required to be quarantined for a minimum of 30 days upon entry to the United States. The USDA considers New Zealand to be free of exotic Newcastle disease (END), which means that hatching eggs from New Zealand are not required to be quarantined if the appropriate import conditions are met.
5. The OIE *Code* defines notifiable avian influenza (NAI) is 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 index (IVPI) greater than 1.2 (or as an alternative at least 75 percent mortality). NAI viruses can be divided into highly pathogenic notifiable avian influenza (HPNAI) and low pathogenicity notifiable avian influenza (LPNAI).
6. The OIE *Code* defines Newcastle disease (ND) as an infection of poultry caused by a virus (NDV) of avian paramyxovirus serotype 1 (APMV-1) that has an intracerebral pathogenicity index (ICPI) in day-old chicks (*Gallusgallus*) of 0.7 or greater; or has multiple basic amino acids that have been demonstrated in the virus (either directly or by deduction) at the C-terminus of the F2 protein.
7. Clause 3 – APHIS require specific export testing for :
  - egg drop syndrome (EDS76)
  - *Salmonella enteritidis*
  - viral turkey rhinotracheitis (TRT)

The test results need to be within 30 days of arrival at the first port in the USA.

Note that clause 5 requires the flock(s) of origin to be free from evidence of communicable diseases of poultry – APHIS have clarified that this means that where other diseases are known to be prevalent, there should be surveillance testing to ensure that the flock(s) of origin are free of disease.

8. Clause 5 – this inspection could be carried out by the poultry veterinarian approved under the OAP. The timing of the inspection should be immediately prior to the export of the hatching eggs for this consignment ie within 48 hours.

9. Clause 8 – regions where APHIS considers highly pathogen avian influenza to exist can be found by checking the USDA website:  
[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import\\_export/animals/animal\\_import/animal\\_imports\\_hpai.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/animals/animal_import/animal_imports_hpai.shtml)

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**Section 61.A 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'.**