



# For Your Information: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) detection

Effective from 2 December 2024

## 1 Purpose

- (1) This information document has been issued to accompany OMARs which include a requirement to certify that New Zealand is free of Avian Influenza. This information document should be read in conjunction with the respective OMAR.
- (2) On 2 December 2024 MPI notified the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and trading partners of the detection of avian influenza (HPAI H7N6) in commercial poultry in New Zealand.

## 2 Issues identified

Date	Clause Implicated	Description of issue identified	Possible interim measure to be considered if applicable.
02 December 2024	Clauses related to Avian Influenza freedom	Avian Influenza has been detected in commercial poultry in New Zealand and freedom certification is not possible.	MPI will be working with stakeholders to identify appropriate response.

If you are planning an export with this OMAR, please contact MPI Animal Exports team to discuss the implication of the requirements as soon as possible.

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# **Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999**

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

Ref: AE-AU-19L

Date: 2 February 2015

### **BIRAVIEC.AU 3 FEBRUARY 2015 – HOUSEHOLD PET BIRDS TO AUSTRALIA**

#### **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 OMAR for household pet birds to Australia  
BIRAVIEC.AU 3 February 2015;
- (ii) the revocation and replacement of the OMAR for household pet birds to Australia  
BIRAVIEC.AUS 14.02.2007;
- (iii) the determination under section 62(1) of the format and content of the official assurance for household pet birds to Australia.

This notice takes effect from the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2015.

Dated at Wellington this 3rd day of February 2015.

Signed: Howard Pharo  
Manager Import and Export Animals  
Animal and Animal Products Directorate  
Regulation and Assurance Branch  
(acting under delegated authority)

#### **2. Australia requirements**

Household pet birds exported from New Zealand to Australia 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 household pet birds do not satisfy the conditions in the notice. Likewise, if the household pet birds 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**

Exporting country: NEW ZEALAND

Competent authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Commodity: HOUSEHOLD PET BIRDS

Destination: AUSTRALIA

Department of Agriculture Import Permit Number:.....

**I. IDENTIFICATION OF BIRDS**

Identification (Microchip or leg band)	Species	Age	Colour

Total number of birds: .....

**II. ORIGIN OF BIRDS**

Name and address of exporter: .....  
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Place of origin of birds: .....  
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**III. DESTINATION OF BIRDS**

Name and address of post-arrival quarantine: .....  
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Means and identification of transport: .....

## VI. SANITARY INFORMATION

### VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

I, ....., an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries, certify, after due enquiry with respect to the animals identified in the attached Zoosanitary Certificate, that:

(1) Virulent Newcastle disease and highly pathogenic avian influenza have not been reported in New Zealand during the six (6) month period immediately prior to the date of this certification.

(2) An Official Veterinarian inspected the premises at:

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being the residence of the bird(s) listed on this certificate, on ..... (date) against the Department of Agriculture requirements in Appendix 1, and he/she considered it appropriate for the performance of pre-export quarantine for export to Australia.

(3) The pre-export quarantine period commenced on ..... (date).

(4) The bird(s) listed in this certificate has (have) been resident at the above address for a period of at least forty five (45) days prior to shipment to Australia. During this period, as far as could be reasonably determined, there have been no birds in the residence/premises other than the bird(s) in this shipment.

(5) The bird(s) was (were) examined by an Official Veterinarian within one (1) week of commencing the pre-export quarantine period on ..... (date) and:

(5.1)\* [no suspicion/evidence of any infectious or contagious disease, including any lesions suggestive of avian pox was found;]

OR

(5.2)\* [lesions suggestive of avian pox in psittacine birds were detected and they have been shown not to be caused by psittacine pox virus.]

\*Delete as applicable

(6) No illness/death of the bird(s) under pre-export quarantine was reported by the owner during the forty five (45) day pre-export period.

(7) Within ninety six (96) hours of export, the bird(s) was (were) examined by ..... (name), a veterinarian registered in New Zealand. I have seen his/her report and am satisfied that no suspicion/evidence of infectious disease or external parasites was found in the bird(s) and that the bird(s) was (were) fit to travel.

(8) The transport container(s) was (were) new and/or clean, mosquito-proof, and met the IATA standard. The container(s) was (were) sealed with an official seal number: .....

.....  
Official Veterinarian  
New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

Stamp and Date

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.....  
Name and Address

## **EXPORT CERTIFICATION**

**(This is not part of the official certification)**

**COMMODITY:** HOUSEHOLD PET BIRDS

**COUNTRY:** AUSTRALIA

**NOTE:** This certificate replaces the previous certificate dated 1 March 2013 (OMAR dated 14 February 2007). It is based on “Conditions for the importation of Household Pet Birds from New Zealand” mentioned in the import permit received from the Department of Agriculture in January 2015. The certificate was approved by the Department of Agriculture on 28 January 2015.

1. An import permit from the Department of Agriculture is required, and together with the export certification, must accompany the bird(s) to Australia. This permit is in addition to the permit from Environment Australia.
2. The bird(s) may be subject to the Convention for International Trades in Endangered Species (CITES) <http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/wildlife-trade/cites/index.html>. It is the exporter's responsibility to make enquiries as to whether a CITES Permit is needed. The Department of Conservation (DoC) should be contacted for this at: <http://www.doc.govt.nz/>. Species known to be, or considered to be covered by CITES will be referred to the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service on arrival to Australia, in addition to their need to satisfy quarantine import conditions.
3. This protocol refers only to household pet birds, where the term “household pet birds” refers to *bona fide* companion birds, which were not kept in a common aviary with other birds and were not kept for commercial or recreational breeding purposes.
4. Only household pet birds whose owners are moving from New Zealand to take up residence in Australia are eligible.
5. The birds must have been in the ownership and possession of the owner for a minimum period of one year immediately preceding pre-export quarantine.
6. A maximum of two birds per household will be allowed.
7. Poultry species (*viz* chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, quail, guinea fowl, pheasant, quail or other game birds), or pigeons (*Columbia livia*) do not qualify as household pet birds.
8. During transport within New Zealand to the port of export, shipment and transport from the port of importation to the post arrival quarantine (PAQ) facility the birds must be kept isolated from all other birds not of the same consignment.
9. The birds must be consigned to Australia by a route approved by the Department of Agriculture. They may be accompanied by other birds only with the approval of the Department of Agriculture. Any transshipment requires the prior approval of the Department of Agriculture.
10. At least 2 weeks prior to the arrival of the bird, the importer must nominate the post arrival quarantine (PAQ) premises. The PAQ must be located sufficiently close to a Department of Agriculture office to allow a Department of Agriculture officer to inspect the facility. The importer must arrange with the Department of Agriculture for the premises to be approved prior to export of the bird from New Zealand.

Email:	Your email must include:
NSW: <a href="mailto:centraleastregionliveanimals@agriculture.gov.au">centraleastregionliveanimals@agriculture.gov.au</a>	Date and estimated time of arrival

	Flight number
Victoria: <a href="mailto:seanimal@agriculture.gov.au">seanimal@agriculture.gov.au</a>	Airway bill number
Queensland: <a href="mailto:qldliveanimalimports@agriculture.gov.au">qldliveanimalimports@agriculture.gov.au</a>	A short description of your bird including leg band or microchip number
SA & WA: <a href="mailto:Animalswa@agriculture.gov.au">Animalswa@agriculture.gov.au</a>	A contact phone number in New Zealand or Australia
	Address at which the bird is to reside in Australia

11. The birds must be transported directly from the port of entry to the Department of Agriculture approved post-arrival quarantine residence/premises by the most direct route.
12. Department of Agriculture must be given at least 72 hours notice of the bird(s) arrival in Australia. This must be done by faxing the Department of Agriculture veterinary officers located in the state in which your pet will first arrive in Australia. On arrival at the port of entry, the birds must be examined by a Government Veterinary Officer.
13. The birds will be required to be held in isolation in a mosquito-proof environment for a period of 45 days and subject to an examination by a qualified veterinarian before release from post-arrival quarantine.
14. The exporter must ensure that the bird complies with all the post arrival requirements mentioned in the import permit.

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**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'.**

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **STANDARDS FOR QUARANTINE PREMISES FOR PET BIRDS**

#### **LOCATION**

The premises must be conveniently located for the supervision by the government veterinary authority.

#### **FACILITIES**

No birds, other than those for export, may be held on the premises.

The quarantine area must be entirely enclosed so that there can be no contact by the quarantined bird(s) with any other bird. The area must prevent the entry of any insects, including mosquitoes, and the escape of the bird(s).

#### **OPERATION**

The owners must have no contact with other birds for the duration of the quarantine period and must prevent contact by other people who have contact with birds.

## APPENDIX II

### OWNER'S/AGENT'S PRE-EXPORT DECLARATION

I, ....., being the \*[owner]/ [agent of the owner] of the bird(s) described in the zoosanitary certificate, declare that \*[, to the best of my knowledge,]:

- (a) The bird(s) has (have) been in \*[my]/ [the owner's] ownership and possession for a minimum period of one year immediately prior to the commencement of pre-export quarantine.
- (b) The bird(s) is (are) household pets and has (have) not been kept in a common aviary with other birds.
- (c) The bird(s) is (are) not for commercial or recreational breeding purposes.
- (d) \*[I]/ [The owner] and \*[my]/ [their] bird(s) are leaving New Zealand to take up residence in Australia.
- (e) During the forty five (45) days period immediately prior to export to Australia, the bird(s) has (have) been resident at the following address:  
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- (f) During this time:
  - (i) the bird(s) has (have) been completely isolated from insect vectors (including mosquitoes), other birds and people who have contact with other birds;
  - (ii) any illness/death was reported to the New Zealand veterinary authority;
  - (iii) details of any medications/treatments administered during this period are attached.

\* Delete as applicable

Signature: ..... Date: .....  
 Name: .....  
 Address: .....  
 .....  
 .....

I have witnessed the above signature and, after due enquiry, I have no reason to doubt the truth of this declaration.

Signature: ..... Date: .....  
 (Government Veterinary Officer)

Name: .....  
 Address: .....  
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