

MPI Animal Exports Team are aware of issues with these particular Overseas Market Access Requirements (OMARS), however exports may be possible.

If you are planning an export with one of these OMARS please contact MPI Animal Exports team to discuss the implications of the requirements as soon as possible.

Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999

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

Ref: AE-AU-45
Date: 5 May 2017

ZOOPEN.AU 11 MAY 2017 – PENGUINS FOR ZOOLOGICAL PURPOSES 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 export requirements for Penguins for Zoological Purposes to Australia ZOOPEN.AU dated 11 May 2017;
- (ii) the revocation and replacement of King penguins and Gentoo penguins to Australia OMAR B ZOOPENEC.AUS dated 16.01.12;
- (iii) the determination under section 62(1) of the format and content of the official assurance for Penguins for Zoological Purposes to Australia.

This notice takes effect from the 11th of May 2017.

Dated at Wellington this 9th day of May 2017.

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

2. Australia requirements

Penguins for zoological purposes 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 penguins for zoological purposes do not satisfy the conditions in the notice. Likewise, if the penguins for zoological purposes 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: PENGUINS FOR ZOOLOGICAL PURPOSES
To: AUSTRALIA
Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND
Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES
Import Permit Number:

I: IDENTIFICATION OF BIRDS

Microchip number and site of implantation	Description	Species (scientific name)	Sex	Age

II: ORIGIN OF BIRDS

Name and address of exporter:
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Name and address of registered zoo/wildlife park/aquarium of origin:
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III: DESTINATION OF BIRDS

Name and address of importer:
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Means and identification of transport:
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IV. SANITARY INFORMATION

VETERINARY CERTIFICATION

I,, being an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries, certify, after due enquiry in regards to the birds identified in this zoosanitary certificate, that:

1. COUNTRY FREEDOM

1.1 There has been no clinical, epidemiological or other evidence of Newcastle disease, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza or infectious bursal disease in New Zealand during the six (6) months immediately prior to export.

2. PREMISES OF ORIGIN

2.1 The premises of origin is a zoological garden or wildlife park, aquarium or other institution that is approved, licensed or registered by the New Zealand Government to hold the species exported.

2.2 The premises of origin is under veterinary supervision, where the health of the animal(s) is monitored so that incursions of disease are identified, and control and/or eradication measures can be applied. The health-monitoring programme includes microbiological and parasitological tests and necropsies.

2.3 The penguin for export has been continuously resident at the exporting premises for twelve (12) months prior to certification.

3. PRE-EXPORT ISOLATION

3.1 The penguin for export was isolated from other animals not of the same health and residency status for thirty-five (35) days prior to the scheduled date of export, and remained free from clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease until certification.

3.2 During the isolation period, the penguin was not fed meat of avian origin.

4. TREATMENT AND EXAMINATION

4.1 The penguin for export has been treated with a broad spectrum veterinary medicine(s) effective against internal and external parasites in penguins:

Internal parasites:

Date of treatment:

Product, active ingredient(s) and dose rate:

External parasites:

Date of treatment:

Product, active ingredient(s) and dose rate:

4.2 Within seventy-two (72) hours of export, the penguin was examined and found to be healthy, free from any signs of infectious or contagious disease, and fit to travel.

5. TRANSPORT

- 5.1 The penguin is shipped in a container that meets the appropriate container requirements specified in the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animals Regulations.
- 5.2 After due enquiry, I (official veterinarian) am satisfied that the container for the transport was new, or was cleaned and disinfected prior to loading the penguin. Containers constructed of timber were treated against insect infestation or fumigated prior to loading as required by the Australian Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.
- 5.3 The transport container is constructed to be insect proof, and/or completely covered in insect proof netting.
- 5.4 The container for transport was sealed with and official, tamper proof seal(s):
Seal number(s):
- 5.5 After due enquiry, I am satisfied that the penguin is being shipped to Australia by the most direct means and will be kept isolated from other animals at all times.

.....
Signature of Official Veterinarian Official Stamp and Date
New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

Name and Address:
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Note: The Official Veterinarian must sign, date 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.

EXPORT CERTIFICATION

(This is not part of the official certification)

COMMODITY: PENGUINS FOR ZOOLOGICAL PURPOSES

COUNTRY: AUSTRALIA

NOTES: This export certificate replaces that dated 1st March 2013. It applies to specific species of penguin as approved by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR). It was approved by DAWR on 4 May 2017.

1. An import permit may be obtained by submitting an import permit application to the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, Canberra.
2. The importation of live penguins into Australia may be permitted for zoological purposes. Applications for an import permit will be assessed by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources on a case by case basis.
3. All consignments must be accompanied by an Import Permit that is valid at the time the animals are imported into Australia.
4. The following species have been approved: King penguin (*Aptenodytes patagonicus*), Gentoo penguin (*Pygoscelis papua*) and Fiordland Crested penguin (*Eudyptes pachyrhynchus*). This species approval does not replace the individual assessment process for each permit application.
5. A separate health certificate is required for each penguin in the consignment.
6. Importation is only permitted into a zoo, aquarium or wildlife park approved under relevant state or territory legislation to hold the species being imported.
7. Each penguin for export must be individually identified with an International Standards Organisation (ISO) compliant microchip (transponder), and the site of implantation and the identification number of each animal recorded on the veterinary certificate.
8. It is the person in charge of the goods responsibility to identify and ensure compliance with all requirements of any other regulatory and advisory bodies prior to and after importation [*e.g. Australian Government Department of the Environment and Energy, appropriate Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) documentation from the exporting country*].
9. Consignments must be addressed and sent to Department of Agriculture and Water Resources at the port of arrival.
10. The importer must notify the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources office in the state of import in writing at least three (3) working days prior to import. The notification must include the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources permit number, Quarantine Entry number, contact number for the importer, flight number, airway bill number, date and estimated time of arrival, and list of animals being imported.
11. One person in charge of the goods, as listed on the import permit, must be accessible to Department of Agriculture and Water Resources officers and accept responsibility for ensuring that all import conditions are met, including the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources inspection.
12. The person in charge of the goods must make an appointment for Department of Agriculture and Water Resources inspection of the animal(s) at the port of arrival. The person in charge of the goods may be required to be present at this inspection and provide all veterinary certification.

13. The exporter should refer to the Import Permit for details on conditions of administration and post-arrival quarantine requirements.
14. Animals must be consigned to Australia by a route approved by Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.
15. The use of hay or straw as bedding during transport is not permitted; treated wood shavings, sterilized peat and soft board may be used.
16. Exporters or their agents must have detailed plans to cover procedures including contingency plans, for transporting the animal(s) from PEQ until arrival in Australia.
17. Consignments that do not meet Department of Agriculture and Water Resources import conditions will remain in biosecurity control, be re-exported or destroyed without recompense.

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'.