

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

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

Ref: AE-SG-19L

Date: 10 July 2014

## **BIRAVIEC.SG 14 JULY 2014 – BIRDS TO SINGAPORE**

### **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 birds to Singapore BIRAVIEC.SG dated 14 July 2014;
- (ii) the determination under section 62(1) of the format and content of the official assurance for birds to Singapore.

This notice takes effect from the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2014.

Dated at Wellington this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2014.

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

### **2. Singapore requirements**

Birds exported from New Zealand to Singapore 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 birds do not satisfy the conditions in the notice. Likewise, if the 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**

Commodity: BIRDS  
To: SINGAPORE  
Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND  
Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES  
Import Permit Number: .....

**I: IDENTIFICATION OF BIRDS**

Number	Species	Identification

Total number of birds in consignment: .....

**II: SOURCE OF BIRDS**

Name and address of exporter: .....  
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Name and address of consignor: .....  
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Name and address of the establishment/premises of origin: .....  
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**III: DESTINATION OF BIRDS**

Name and address of consignee: .....  
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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 enquiry in regard to the birds identified in this Zoosanitary Certificate, that:

1. New Zealand is free from highly pathogenic avian influenza and Newcastle disease.
2. Influenza A viruses in birds (including highly pathogenic avian influenza and low pathogenicity avian influenza viruses of the H5 and H7 subtypes) are notifiable organisms in New Zealand.
3. The birds were kept in isolation in a MPI approved pre-export isolation facility since they were hatched or for at least the twenty-one (21) days prior to shipment (export) and showed no clinical signs of infectious diseases, including avian influenza, during the isolation period.
4. During the isolation period in clause 3 above, all birds, or a sample of birds from one (1) consignment were subject to:

<b>either</b>	3.1	[Virus isolation test for avian influenza virus and the test results are negative. The sample size should not be fewer than thirty (30) birds (pooling is permitted with not more than ten (10) samples in each pool).] *
<b>or</b>	3.2	[Serology test for H5 and H7 avian influenza virus, using Agar Gel Immunodiffusion Test or Haemagglutination Inhibition Test and the test results are negative. The sample size should not be fewer than twenty (20) birds and the samples must be taken for testing within seven (7) days of export.] *
<b>or</b>	3.3	[RT-PCR test for avian influenza virus and the test results are negative. The sample size should not be fewer than thirty (30) birds and the birds must be individually tested.] *
5. The birds were examined on the day of export and were found to be clinically healthy and free from any signs of infectious or contagious diseases.
6. The birds are transported in new and clean containers, according to IATA requirements.

(\* delete as appropriate)

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Signature of Official Veterinarian  
Ministry for Primary Industries

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Official Stamp and Date

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Name and address

**NB: 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:** BIRDS

**COUNTRY:** SINGAPORE

**NOTES** This export certificate replaces that dated 1 March 2013 (approved by Singapore (AVA) on 12 August 2011). The certificate was updated to accommodate changes to the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code chapter on avian influenza and was approved by the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) of Singapore on 8 July 2014.

1. Each consignment of birds shall be accompanied by a valid Import Licence (Import Permit) issued by the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) of Singapore.
2. The owner or his agent must apply for the Import Permit by submitting an online application through AVA's website ([www.ava.gov.sg](http://www.ava.gov.sg)): Services, Animal and Pet Sector, Licence to Import/Export/Transship of Animals/Birds/Eggs/Biologics) thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled arrival of the animals.
3. The owner or his agent shall contact the Quarantine Office as stated in the Import Permit at least five (5) working days before the scheduled arrival of the animals.
4. Each consignment of birds shall be accompanied by a Veterinary Health Certificate dated within seven (7) days of export.
5. Birds include all birds other than domestic birds and include guinea fowls, partridges, parrots, parakeets, budgerigars, cockatoos, doves, pea fowls, swans, finches, and other birds intended for purposes other than for consumption.
6. Clause 5: "day of export" refers to a twenty-four (24) hour period rather than a calendar day.
7. On arrival at the port of disembarkation in Singapore, the birds and documents (Import Licence, Veterinary Health Certificate) shall be presented to and examined by an Authorised Veterinary Officer. If the consignment of birds is found to be healthy and documents are in order, the birds shall be released to the importer or owner, otherwise the birds shall be detained for further actions. The birds may be subjected to sampling for testing purposes.
8. Any consignment of bird arriving without a Veterinary Health Certificate or suspected to be infected with disease shall be destroyed or quarantined for a minimum of seven (7) days either at AVA's quarantine premises or AVA-designated quarantine premises. If birds are quarantined in non-AVA premises, the importer or owner shall report any sickness or death of any bird to the Director, Quarantine and Inspection Department, and such bird may not be disposed of without his/her permission. Specimens and birds may be subject to laboratory tests.
9. Under The Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act 2006, bird species listed in the Appendices of CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora, see [www.cites.org](http://www.cites.org)) **must** be accompanied by a CITES Import Permit issued by AVA and a CITES export/re-export certificate from the country of export/origin of the bird. Application for the CITES Import Permit should be made at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of importation by submitting the application online via [www.ava.gov.sg](http://www.ava.gov.sg) : Services, Licenses, Permits, Certificates and Registration, CITES Permit and Certificate (Animal). Please ensure that a copy of the CITES export/re-export certificate and a specimen report for the bird(s) are attached as supporting documents in the application. The original copy of the CITES export/re-export certificate must also be returned to AVA upon the import of the bird(s).
10. A Licence issued by AVA must be obtained to use any place for exhibition, sale or export of any animal or bird. Any expenditure incurred in the process of importation shall be borne by the importer. Regulations and fees are subject to change without notice.

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**Section 61A 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.'**