



Day-old Chicks and Hatching Eggs to the Cook Islands (OMAR)

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TITLE

Animal Products Notice: Day-old Chicks and Hatching Eggs to the Cook Islands (OMAR)

COMMENCEMENT

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 16 April 2025

REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- Animal Products Notice: Day-old Chicks and Hatching Eggs to the Cook Islands (OMAR), CKDAE19 Effective from 27 February 2025

ISSUING AUTHORITY

This Animal Products Notice is issued under sections 167(1) and 60(1) of the Animal Products Act 1999.

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Introduction

This introduction is not part of the Animal Products Notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to set out the zoosanitary requirements necessary to export compliant day-old chicks and hatching eggs from New Zealand to the Cook Islands.

Background

The Animal Products Act 1999 provides the controls and mechanisms needed to give and to safeguard official assurances (zoosanitary certificates / export certificates / health certificates / veterinary certificates) to facilitate the entry of animal material including live animals, hatching eggs, semen and embryos, and products into overseas markets.

Notices issued as Overseas Market Access Requirements (OMARs) under section 60(1)(a) and (b) of the Animal Products Act specify the requirements that are necessary or desirable for the purpose of facilitating access to overseas markets or are in accordance with the requirements of the relevant authority of the importing country.

OMARs may also determine the form and content of the official assurances that can be issued for animal material or product, including live animals, hatching eggs, semen, or embryos, which meet the specified requirements.

Where the OMAR determines the form and content of the official assurances, a separate zoosanitary certificate template is available to certifiers, official assurance verifiers, and registered exporters who have applied for access to the certificate templates, to facilitate the completion and issuing of the relevant official assurance. That template will be an amendable version of the form set in the OMAR.

Notices issued under section 60(1)(c) of the Animal Products Act to safeguard the assurances provided by New Zealand, and guidance in the form of Operational Codes, should be read in conjunction with this Notice.

This OMAR specifies the requirements that must be met by exporters of day-old chicks and hatching eggs to be exported from New Zealand to the Cook Islands and determines the form and content of the official assurance that must accompany the day-old chicks and hatching eggs to be exported. The OMAR was issued after consultation with industry and the Competent Authority of the Cook Islands. It is based on the *Animal Products Notice: Day-old Chicks and Hatching Eggs to the Cook Islands (OMAR)*, CKDAE19, effective from 27 February 2025, and inclusion of the new option to export day-old chicks and hatching eggs from flocks vaccinated against Egg Drop Syndrome '76 (EDS '76) and the relevant testing requirements for such exports.

Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of day-old chicks and hatching eggs to the Cook Islands.

Operators of Risk Management Programmes (RMP) responsible for collecting day-old chicks and hatching eggs from chicken for export to the Cook Islands.

Operators of Export Approved Premises (EAP) responsible for collecting ducklings, turkey poults, and hatching eggs from ducks and turkeys for export to the Cook Islands.

Why is this important?

This Notice is important because it sets out the requirements that need to be met so that the Director-General of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) can certify that the day-old chicks and hatching eggs meet the requirements for export to the Cook Islands which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of the Cook Islands, has determined will apply. It should be noted that although the day-old chicks and hatching eggs may comply with these requirements and be given an official assurance (by way of a certificate), the importing country ultimately retains control over what day-old chicks and hatching eggs it clears for entry.

Document History

Refer to *Appendix 1*

Other information

Export non-conformances

Exporters should note that, under section 51 of the Animal Products Act 1999, where they have exported animal material or products, including live animals, hatching eggs, semen, and embryos, that are refused entry by the foreign government they have a statutory duty to notify the Director-General of MPI not later than 24 hours after they have first knowledge of the event.

Liability

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.

Related documents

OMAR documents can be downloaded from <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/export-requirements/omars-for-live-animals-semen-and-embryos/>

When you click on the + symbol on the right-hand side of any OMAR document, you can view the related information and documents (guidance document and zoosanitary certificate template).

The zoosanitary certificate template for this OMAR is provided for in *Day-old Chicks and Hatching Eggs to the Cook Islands (Zoosanitary Certificate)*. The zoosanitary certificate template is password-protected through a RealMe® account.

Part 1: Requirements

1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to the export of day-old chicks and hatching eggs of the following species from New Zealand to the Cook Islands:
- a) *Gallus gallus domesticus*
 - b) *Anas platyrhynchos domesticus*
 - c) *Meleagris gallopavo gallopavo*.

1.2 Definitions

- (1) In this Notice, unless the context otherwise requires:

Act means the Animal Products Act 1999.

Day-old chick means a live bird of the species *Gallus gallus domesticus*, or *Anas platyrhynchos domesticus*, or *Meleagris gallopavo gallopavo* within the first seventy-two (72) hours of life.

Hatching egg means an egg of the species *Gallus gallus domesticus*, or *Anas platyrhynchos domestica*, or *Meleagris gallopavo gallopavo* produced for the purpose of incubation.

MPI approved veterinarian means a veterinarian approved by MPI to conduct defined tasks, and who, in the case of this Notice, is responsible for ensuring the day-to-day activities of an approved hatchery and export source flock are in accordance with any relevant requirements.

MPI approved premises means those premises which have, at the request of an operator, been specifically approved and listed by the Director-General for the purpose of producing day-old chicks and hatching eggs of poultry eligible for official assurances subject to the relevant export requirements.

Poultry means domestic fowls (*Gallus gallus domesticus*), ducks (*Anas platyrhynchos domesticus*), and turkeys (*Meleagris gallopavo gallopavo*).

Source flock means a group of breeding poultry housed on a single farm and managed as a single epidemiological unit. A flock will have a single health status in respect of the requirements of its intended export destinations.

- (2) A term used in this Notice that is defined in the following (or their successors) has the meaning given to it in the Act or Regulations or Notice:
- a) [Animal Products Act 1999](#)
 - b) [Animal Products Regulations 2021](#)
 - c) [Animal Products Notice: Recognised Laboratories](#)
 - d) [Animal Products Notice: Export Approved Premises](#)
 - e) [Animal Products Notice: Production, Supply and Processing](#)
 - f) [Animal Products Notice: Official Assurance Requirements for Live Animals and Germplasm](#).

1.3 Requirements for export

- (1) Day-old chicks and hatching eggs exported from New Zealand to the Cook Islands must be accompanied by an official assurance in the form of a zoosanitary certificate, a sample version of which is included in Part 2.
- (2) A zoosanitary certificate must be completed and issued by an authorised person.
- (3) In order to issue a zoosanitary certificate, the authorised person must be satisfied that:
 - a) A permit to import day-old chicks and hatching eggs from New Zealand to the Cook Islands has been obtained from the Director of Biosecurity Service, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of the Cook Islands.
 - b) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice.

1.4 Specific requirements for the zoosanitary certificate

- (1) Regarding Clause 2.1 of the zoosanitary certificate, a source flock can be certified as "*clinically healthy*" with regard to avian influenza where, during the egg collection period, mortality did not exceed 0.5% over two consecutive days or 3% within a 168-hour period, and water intake did not decrease by more than 5% over two consecutive days. If any of these thresholds are exceeded, and no clear alternative cause has been identified through investigation, the premises must initiate testing for avian influenza in order to rule it out as a potential cause.
- (2) Regarding Clause 3.1, the requirement applies to source flock(s) that has not been vaccinated against EDS '76. A total of thirty (30) birds from the source flock(s) must be tested for EDS '76 using ELISA.
- (3) Regarding Clause 3.2, the requirement applies to source flock(s) that has been vaccinated against EDS '76. A total of thirty (30) sentinel birds must be tested for the disease using ELISA within two (2) weeks prior to export.

1.5 Laboratories

- (1) Where this Notice requires laboratory testing to be undertaken for official purposes the testing, unless otherwise stated, must be done in laboratories recognised by MPI for this testing.

Part 2: Zoosanitary Certificate



Certificate No:

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Commodity: DAY-OLD CHICKS AND HATCHING EGGS
To: COOK ISLANDS
Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND
Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES
Import Permit Number:

I: IDENTIFICATION OF DAY-OLD CHICKS / HATCHING EGGS

Species (common and scientific name)	Commodity Type (Day-old chicks or Hatching eggs)	Description / Identification	Number

Total number of day-old chicks / hatching eggs:

II: SOURCE OF DAY-OLD CHICKS / HATCHING EGGS

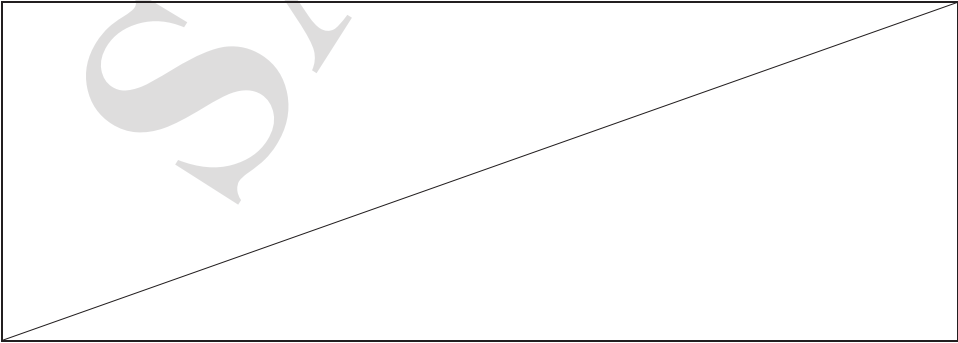
Name, address and registered identifier of exporter:

Name, address and registered identifier of the premises of origin:

III: DESTINATION OF DAY-OLD CHICKS / HATCHING EGGS

Name and address of importer:

Means of transport:



IV: SANITARY INFORMATION

I certify that:

1 New Zealand is free from:

- 1.1 Newcastle disease as defined by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and vaccination against this disease in commercial poultry is prohibited in New Zealand.
- 1.2 Clinical signs of infectious bursal disease (Gumboro disease).

2 For high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI):

- 2.1 The day-old chicks / hatching eggs for export were sourced from clinically healthy flock(s).
- 2.2 The day-old chicks / hatching eggs for export were sourced from flock(s) raised on farms that do not allow free-range farming.]

EITHER

- 2.3 [New Zealand is free from HPAI and vaccination against avian influenza in commercial poultry is prohibited in New Zealand.]*

OR

- 2.4 [The day-old chicks / hatching eggs for export come from hatcheries and / or flock(s) that are located outside any HPAI control areas; and
- 2.5 The source flock(s) have not been in contact with risk materials (including products, people, or equipment) from farms within any HPAI control areas in the twenty-eight (28) days prior to egg collection; and
- 2.6 The day-old chicks / hatching eggs for export were derived from flock(s) that tested negative for avian influenza virus via polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) within twenty-one (21) days before the start of egg collection for this export and at intervals of no more than twenty-one (21) days throughout the collection period. Sampling was randomised and representative of the flock(s) from which the eggs were collected, with a sample size sufficient to provide ninety-five (95) percent confidence level for detecting avian influenza at a five (5) percent prevalence rate in the flock(s).]*

3 For Egg Drop Syndrome '76 (EDS '76):

- 3.1 [The day-old chicks / hatching eggs for export were sourced from flock(s) that tested negative for EDS '76 within ninety-eight (98) days prior to export.]*

OR

- 3.2 [The day-old chicks / hatching eggs for export were sourced from flock(s) that have been vaccinated against EDS '76 and tested negative for EDS '76, conducted on a sample of thirty (30) sentinel birds within the flock within two (2) weeks prior to export.]*

(*Delete as appropriate)

Certificate No:

4 The flock(s) from which the eggs were collected for hatching:

4.1 has been inspected by an MPI Approved Veterinarian within three (3) months of export with all relevant health records being examined; and

4.2 has been vaccinated against:

Disease	Name of Vaccine used
Avian encephalomyelitis	
Avian infectious bronchitis	

5 The day-old chicks / hatching eggs originate from flock(s) which are:

5.1 recognised as being free from *Salmonella* Gallinarum (fowl typhoid) and *Salmonella* Pullorum (Pullorum Disease), and which have been free from clinical signs of avian infectious bronchitis, avian infectious laryngotracheitis (ILT) and fowl cholera for the previous one year; and5.2 free from clinical evidence of *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* and *Mycoplasma synoviae*.

6 In case of day-old chicks, they:

6.1 were vaccinated against Marek's disease;

6.2 were exported in clean and new packages;

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

7 In the case of hatching eggs, they were disinfected in accordance with the WOH standards, identified, and exported in clean and new packages.

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Official Veterinarian
Ministry for Primary Industries.....
Official Stamp and DateName and Address:
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Appendix 1 – Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
16 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 1.4 (Specific requirements for the zoosanitary certificate) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new Section 1.4 has been added that includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A definition for the term “<i>clinically healthy</i>”; Test method and other details required comply with Clauses 3.1 and 3.2 of the zoosanitary certificate.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 2; Section IV (Sanitary Information) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clause 2.5 of the previous certificate has been relocated to Clause 2.1 in the updated certificate. Clause 2.8 of the previous certificate has been relocated to Clause 2.2 in the updated certificate. Clause 4.3 of the previous certificate has been relocated to Clause 3.1 in the updated certificate. New Clause 3.2 has been inserted in the updated certificate. The new clause applies testing requirement for sentinel birds in EDS '76 vaccinated source flocks.
27 February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document name 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document's name updated to <i>Animal Products Notice: Day-old Chicks and Hatching Eggs to the Cook Islands (OMAR)</i> from <i>Animal Products Notice: Day-old Chicks, Ducklings, Turkey Poults, and Hatching Eggs to the Cook Islands (OMAR)</i>.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short code 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The document's short code updated to CKDAE19 from CKDAEDUC19.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 2; Section IV (Sanitary Information) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal of avian influenza from the country freedom attestation in Clause 1.1 of the revoked certificate. Addition of new Clause 2 with avian influenza risk management requirement options for farms and hatcheries, including testing of source flocks.
18 December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All sections Part 2; Section IV (Sanitary Information) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New OMAR format Clause inserted to apply testing requirement for Egg Drop Syndrome '76 following request by the Competent Authority of the Cook Islands.