



# 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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# Day-Old Chicks and Hatching Eggs Transiting/Transshipping Singapore (OMAR)

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## **TITLE**

Animal Products Notice: Day-Old Chicks and Hatching Eggs Transiting/Transshipping Singapore (OMAR)

## **COMMENCEMENT**

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 1 July 2019

## **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 transit/tranship compliant day-old chicks and hatching eggs from New Zealand via Singapore.

## Background

The Animal Products Act 1999 provides the controls and mechanisms needed to give and to safeguard official assurances or zoosanitary 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 certificate template is available to authorised persons, recognised persons 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 Codes of Practice, 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 via Singapore 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 Singapore. It is based on transit/transshipment requirements negotiated directly with Singapore.

## Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of day-old chicks and hatching eggs transiting/transshipping Singapore.

Operators of Export Approved Premises collecting day-old chicks and hatching eggs for export via Singapore.

## 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 transit/transshipment via Singapore which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of Singapore, 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 country through which the day-old chicks and hatching eggs are transiting or transshipping ultimately retains control over what day-old chicks and hatching eggs it allows through its ports.

## Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
1 July 2019	All sections	New OMAR

## 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/law-and-policy/requirements/omars-overseas-market-access-requirements/omars-live-animals-semen-embryos-organics/>

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 transit/transshipment certificate template).

The transit/transshipment certificate for this OMAR is provided in *Day-Old Chicks and Hatching Eggs Transiting/Transshipping Singapore (Certificate)*. The certificate is password-protected.

## Part 1: Requirements

### 1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to the export of day-old chicks and hatching eggs when those day-old chicks and hatching eggs will be transported via a port in Singapore.

### 1.2 Definitions

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

**Act** means the Animal Products Act 1999

**Day-old chicks** means a live poultry chick within the first 72 hours of life or while it has not been fed, whichever period is shorter.

**Transit means** the day-old chicks and hatching eggs remain on board the means of transport while at the port in Singapore.

**Transshipment means** the day-old chicks and hatching eggs are transferred from the means of transport on which they arrived to another means of transport at the port in Singapore.

- (2) A term used in this Notice that is defined in the Act or the following Notices (or their successors) has the meaning given to it in the Act or that Notice:

- a) *Animal Products Notice: Official Assurances Specifications for Animal Material and Animal Products.*
- b) *Animal Products Notice: Specifications for Laboratories.*

### 1.3 Requirements for export

- (1) Day-old chicks and hatching eggs exported from New Zealand that will transit a port or transship at a port in Singapore must be accompanied by an official assurance in the form of a transit/transshipment certificate as specified in Part 2.
- (2) Notwithstanding any requirement issued under section 60(1)(c) of the Act limiting the number of official assurances that can be issued for a consignment, an official assurance may be issued in accordance with any OMAR for the export of day-old chicks and hatching eggs to the final destination country, as applicable, in addition to the transit/transshipment certificate specified in this notice.
- (3) A transit/transshipment certificate must be completed and issued by an authorised person.
- (4) In order to issue a transit/transshipment certificate, the authorised person must be satisfied that:
  - a) The requirements of any OMAR for the export of day-old chicks and hatching eggs to the final destination country, as applicable, have been met.
  - b) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice.

## Part 2: Transit/Transshipment Certificate



Certificate No: .....

### NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

#### TRANSIT/TRANSHIPMENT CERTIFICATE

Commodity: DAY-OLD CHICKS / HATCHING EGGS OF POULTRY

Via: SINGAPORE

Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND

Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

#### I: IDENTIFICATION OF DAY-OLD CHICKS / HATCHING EGGS

Species (scientific name)	Description (hatching eggs or day-old chicks; parent or grandparent)	Breed (broiler/layer)	Number (quantity)

Total number (quantity) of day-old chicks / hatching eggs: .....

#### II: ORIGIN OF DAY-OLD CHICKS / HATCHING EGGS

Name and address of exporter: .....

Name, address and approval number of farm of origin/hatchery: .....

#### III: FINAL DESTINATION OF DAY-OLD CHICKS / HATCHING EGGS

Country of final destination: .....

Name and address of importer: .....

Means and identification of transport: .....

Port of departure: .....

Scheduled date of departure: .....



#### IV: SANITARY INFORMATION

##### VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

I, ....., being an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) certify, after due enquiry, with respect to the day-old chicks / hatching eggs described in this zoosanitary certificate that:

##### 1. COUNTRY FREEDOM

- 1.1. New Zealand is free from Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) and vaccination against HPAI is prohibited.

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

.....  
Official Stamp and Date

.....  
.....  
Name and Address

**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.**