



# Day-old Chicks and Hatching Eggs to Fiji (OMAR)

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## TITLE

Animal Products Notice: Day-old Chicks and Hatching Eggs to Fiji (OMAR)

## COMMENCEMENT

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 22 December 2023

## REVOCATION

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- Animal Products Notice: Day-old Chicks and Hatching Eggs to Fiji (OMAR), FJDAE19, 12 January 2023

## 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 Fiji.

## 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 zoosanitary 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 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 Fiji 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 Fiji. It is based on the previous *Animal Products Notice: Day-old Chicks and Hatching Eggs to Fiji (OMAR)*, FJDAE19, 12 January 2023, and the new Egg Drop Syndrome '76 testing and/or Egg Drop Syndrome '76 vaccination requirements requested by Fiji's Competent Authority.

## Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of day-old chicks and hatching eggs to Fiji.

Operators of Risk Management Programmes (RMP) collecting day-old chicks and hatching eggs for export to Fiji.

## 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 Fiji which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of Fiji, 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 zoosanitary certificate), the importing country ultimately retains control over what day-old chicks and hatching eggs it clears for entry.

## Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
12 January 2023	All sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New OMAR format</li> </ul>
	Part 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The removal of <i>Salmonella</i> Enteritidis from the list of vaccinations not permitted in clause 3.2 of the certificate.</li> </ul>
22 December 2023	Part 2; Section IV (Sanitary Information)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clause 3.4 inserted to apply testing or vaccination requirement for Egg Drop Syndrome-76 following request by the Competent Authority of Fiji.</li> </ul>

## 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 export certificate template).

The zoosanitary certificate for this OMAR is provided for in the *Day-old Chicks and Hatching Eggs to Fiji (Zoosanitary Certificate)*. The zoosanitary certificate 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 from New Zealand to Fiji.
- (2) This Notice does not apply to ducklings (*Anas platyrhynchos domestica*), turkey poults (*Meleagris gallopavo gallopavo*), and hatching eggs from these two species.

## 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* within the first seventy-two (72) hours of life or while it has not been fed.

**Hatching egg** means an egg of the species *Gallus gallus domesticus* produced for the purpose of incubation.

**Layer** means a bird of the species *Gallus gallus domesticus* raised either to produce hatching eggs or eggs for human consumption.

**MPI approved veterinarian** means a veterinarian approved by MPI to conduct defined tasks, and which, 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 their request, 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.

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

- (3) A term used in this Notice that is defined in the Act, and the following Regulations and Notices (or their successors) has the meaning given to it in the Act or that Regulations Notice:
  - a) [Animal Products Regulations 2021](#).
  - b) [Animal Products Notice: Official Assurances Specifications for Animal Material and Animal Products](#).
  - c) [Animal Products Notice: Recognised Laboratories](#)
  - d) [Animal Products Notice: Production, Supply and Processing](#)

### 1.3 Requirements for export

- (1) Day-old chicks and hatching eggs exported from New Zealand to Fiji 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 the day-old chicks and hatching eggs has been issued by the competent authority of Fiji.
  - b) The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice.

### 1.4 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: FIJI  
 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
Chicken ( <i>Gallus gallus domesticus</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Hatching Eggs		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Day-old Chicks		

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

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

Name, address and registered identifier of exporter: .....

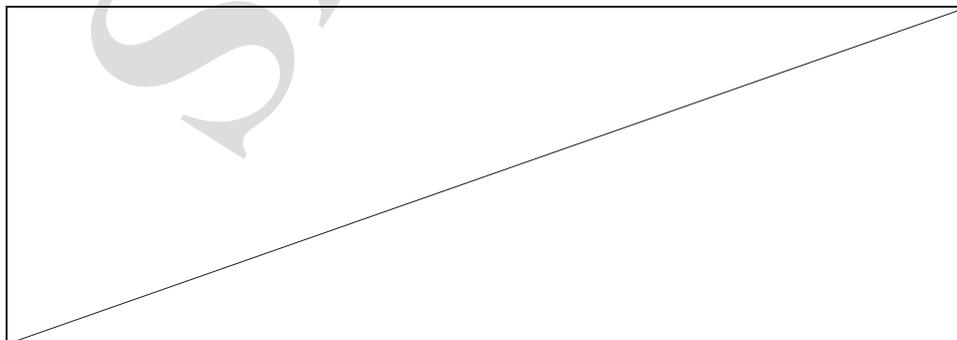
Name, address and registered identifier of Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI)-approved premises: .....

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

Name and address of importer: .....

Means of transport: .....

Port of departure: .....



**IV: SANITARY INFORMATION****ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE**

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

**1. COUNTRY HEALTH STATUS**

- 1.1. New Zealand is free from highly pathogenic avian influenza and Newcastle disease as defined by the World Organisation for Animal Health.

**2. PREMISES OF ORIGIN**

- 2.1. The day-old chicks / hatching eggs originate from source flocks that have been hatched and kept in New Zealand since hatching.

**3. HEALTH STATUS OF ANIMALS AT THE PREMISES OF ORIGIN**

- 3.1. The day-old chicks / hatching eggs originate from source flocks that are free from fowl typhoid (*Salmonella Gallinarum*), Pullorum disease (*Salmonella Pullorum*) and infectious bursal disease.
- 3.2. The source flocks from which the day-old chicks / hatching eggs originate have not been vaccinated against the following diseases: Newcastle disease, avian influenza, infectious bursal disease, and *Salmonella Pullorum*.
- 3.3. The day-old chicks / hatching eggs originate from source flocks that were tested negative for *Salmonella Enteritidis* within the ninety (90) days prior to export.
- 3.4. In the case of layers, the day-old chicks / hatching eggs originate from source flocks that\*:
- 3.4.1. tested negative for Egg Drop Syndrome '76\*

**OR**

- 3.4.2. have been vaccinated for Egg Drop Syndrome '76 with a vaccine registered for use in New Zealand\*
- \*Delete as applicable*
- 3.5. The source flocks have been regularly inspected by an MPI-approved veterinarian and found to be free from clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases.

**4. PACKING**

- 4.1. All containers, boxes and packaging used to ship the day-old chicks / hatching eggs are new.

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 Official Veterinarian  
 Ministry for Primary Industries

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 Official Stamp and Date

Name and Address:

**Note:** The Official Veterinarian must sign, date, and stamp each page of the zoosanitary 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.