

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

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

Ref: AE-HK-22L

Date: 22 January 2014

### **REPANIEC.HK 27 JANUARY 2014 – REPTILES (NON-COMMERCIAL) TO HONG KONG**

#### **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 reptiles (non-commercial) to Hong Kong, REPANIEC.HK dated 27 January 2014;
- (ii) the determination under section 62(1) of the format and content of the official assurance for reptiles (non-commercial) to Hong Kong.

This notice takes effect from the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

Dated at Wellington this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2014.

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

#### **2. Hong Kong requirements**

Reptiles (non-commercial) exported from New Zealand to Hong Kong 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 reptiles do not satisfy the conditions in the notice. Likewise, if the reptiles 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: REPTILES (Non-commercial)  
To: HONG KONG  
Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND  
Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES  
Import Permit No: .....

### I: IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMAL(S)

Species	Breed and description	Sex	Date of birth

Total number of animals in the consignment: .....

### II: ORIGIN OF ANIMAL(S)

Name and address of owner: .....  
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Name and address of exporter: .....  
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### III: DESTINATION OF ANIMAL(S)

Scheduled date of export: .....

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

##### VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

I, ....., being an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries, certify after due enquiry with respect to the animal(s) identified in this Zoosanitary Certificate, that:

1. The animal(s) for export were examined within fourteen (14) days of export and were found to be healthy, free from infectious diseases and injuries, and were fit to travel.

**For turtles only:**

2. The turtles are free from salmonellosis.

(delete as applicable)

3. The animal(s) for export are being transported in cages that are IATA compliant to ensure humane transport.

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Signature of Official Veterinarian  
New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

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Official Stamp and Date

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:** REPTILES (non-commercial)

**COUNTRY OF DESTINATION:** HONG KONG

**NOTES:** This is a new export certificate. It is based on “Permit Terms for Pets Animals (Non-commercial Consignment) Attachment No.: PR-02” which were issued by the Hong Kong Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD). The export certificate was approved by the Hong Kong Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2014.

1. An Import Permit is required and can be obtained from:

Agricultural, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD)  
Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices  
303 Cheung Sha Wan Road  
Kowloon  
HONG KONG

2. The permittee must notify the Duty Officer of Import and Export Section during office hours (Tel. (852) 21821001 / Fax. (852) 27698600 / Email [foii\\_airport@afcd.gov.hk](mailto:foii_airport@afcd.gov.hk)) at least 24 hours in advance of the anticipated time of arrival.
3. The animals must be transported by the fastest and most direct route from the exporting country/place to or through Hong Kong as Manifested Cargo.
4. The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance, Cap. 169, the Public Health (Animals & Birds) Ordinance, Cap. 139, Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance, Cap. 586 and all other relevant legislation must be fully complied with.
5. The granting of the special permit cannot be construed as a waiver by the licensing authority to import scheduled animals and birds listed under the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance, Cap 586.
6. In the event of the animals being directed to the AFCD Airport Animal Hostel under official escort, the permittees (or agent) will be required to provide transport for the transfer to and from the said hostel and to pay the hostel accommodation fees. Without prejudice to other terms of the permit, payment of these fees must be effected before release can be obtained.
7. If this certificate is applicable for animals imported by a tertiary education institute; the animals are imported for animal research approved by the Panel of Committee on Research Practices of the University and licensed by Department of Health under the Animals (Control of Experiments) Ordinance, Cap. 340.
8. Failure to comply with the requirements, as stipulated in the permit, may render the animals liable to be rejected to the country/place of export or quarantine for a period determined by a Senior Veterinary Officer at the cost and risk of the permittee. The permittee may be prosecuted.
9. AFCD has laid down an “Approved Reptiles List” and if the species under application is not scheduled on the list, prior examination will be conducted before considering the issuance of permit to its import. The major factors taken into account are: level of domestication of the species, risk of diseases introduction, animal welfare, public safety and ecological impact, etc. If you wish to obtain the “Approved Reptile List”, please contact AFCD direct.
10. It is the exporters responsibility to make enquiries whether a CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species) Permit is required. The Department of Conservation (DoC) should be contacted for this.

11. In regards to clause 2 of the export certificate, the shipment should be accompanied by a laboratory report which certifies that the turtles are free of Salmonellosis.
12. For further information on exporting reptiles to Hong Kong, see the AFCD website at the following address:  
[http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/quarantine/qua\\_ie/qua\\_ie\\_ipab/qua\\_ie\\_ipab\\_irrmpm/qua\\_ie\\_ipab\\_irrmpm.html](http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/quarantine/qua_ie/qua_ie_ipab/qua_ie_ipab_irrmpm/qua_ie_ipab_irrmpm.html)

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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.'**