



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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Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999 – MAF Biosecurity New Zealand

Ref: AE-IR 19L

Date: 09 April 2010

OMAR B BIRDOCEC.IRA 09.04.10 – for Day-old-chicks / hatching eggs to Iran

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

(i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements, entitled day-old-chicks / hatching eggs to Iran.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 6th day of May 2010.

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(pursuant to delegated authority)

2. Iran Requirements

Day-old-chicks / hatching eggs exported from New Zealand to Iran must comply with the import requirements of Iran listed in this notice as follows:

2.1 An Import Permit is required for the exportation of day-old-chicks / hatching eggs from New Zealand to Iran.

2.2 An Official Veterinarian authorised by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry must certify, after due enquiry, the following:

2.2.1 For at least 6 months prior to export there has been no history or clinical evidence of

the following diseases in the flock(s) of origin of the day-old-chicks / hatching eggs* as described in the export certificate:

viral anaemia (inclusion body hepatitis)	lymphoid leucosis
viral arthritis	egg drop syndrome (EDS76)
avian encephalomyelitis	mycoplasma (<i>M gallispecticum</i> , <i>M synoviae</i>)
avian leucosis virus (subgroup J)	Newcastle disease
Marek's disease	tuberculosis
reticuloendotheliosis	avian chlamydiosis (ornithosis)
psittacosis	infectious coryza
pasteurellosis	fowl pox
infectious bursal disease (Gumboro disease)	infectious laryngotracheitis
fowl cholera (<i>Pasteurella multocida</i>)	

* (To be deleted as appropriate)

2.2.2 For at least 6 months prior to export there has been no history or clinical evidence of the following diseases in the hatchery:

viral anaemia (inclusion body hepatitis)	lymphoid leucosis
viral arthritis	egg drop syndrome (EDS76)
avian encephalomyelitis	mycoplasma (<i>M gallispecticum</i> , <i>M synoviae</i>)
avian leucosis virus (subgroup J)	Newcastle disease
Marek's disease	tuberculosis
reticuloendotheliosis	avian chlamydiosis (ornithosis)
psittacosis	infectious coryza
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infectious bursal disease (Gumboro disease)	infectious laryngotracheitis
fowl cholera (<i>Pasteurella multocida</i>)	

2.2.3 Blood samples have been taken from a random sample of the day-old-chicks / hatching eggs comprising the flock(s) of origin and sent to a government-approved

laboratory where they were submitted to the rapid serum plate test for *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*, with negative results in each case.

2.2.4 New Zealand poultry is free from *Salmonella Pullorum* and *Salmonella Gallinarum*. In addition the flock(s) of origin has been subject to a routine test for *Salmonella Pullorum* and *Salmonella Gallinarum* under official control with negative results in each case during the past 6 months.

2.2.5 The day-old-chicks / hatching eggs comprising the flock(s) of origin have been vaccinated against the following diseases, using authorised products in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Disease agent, vaccine used and date of administration.

(If necessary a separate schedule may be attached with the export certificate.)

2.2.6 The day-old-chicks for export have been vaccinated against Marek's disease using the following authorised bivalent which contains both Rispens and Turkey Herpes Virus (HVT) strain. Date of vaccination, name of vaccine and name of manufacturer.

2.2.7 The hatchery is subject to regular monitoring, and is considered free from *Salmonella* (*Salmonella Gallinarum* & *S. Pullorum*), *Mycoplasma* (*M. gallisepticum*, *M. synoviae*), chlamydias and clinical outbreaks of yolk sac infection as determined by regular clinical inspection and post-mortem examination, in accordance with the OIE standards, described in the relevant Appendix of the latest version of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code.

2.2.8 The day-old-chicks / hatching eggs comprising the flock(s) of origin show no signs of feed deficiencies.

2.2.9 New Zealand has been free of Newcastle disease virus with an ICPI greater than 0.2 for at least six months prior to the collection of the hatching eggs described in this certificate, or the eggs from which the day-old-chicks described in the export certificate were derived.

2.2.10 Vaccination against Newcastle Disease is prohibited in New Zealand.

2.2.11 New Zealand has been free of notifiable avian influenza (NAI) for at least 6 months prior to the collection of the hatching eggs described in this certificate, or the eggs from which the day-old-chicks described in this certificate were derived.

2.2.12 Vaccination against avian influenza is prohibited in New Zealand.

3. Definitions

For the purposes of this document:

Any term or expression that is defined in the Animal Products Act 1999 and used, but not defined in this document, has the same meaning as in this Act.

Explanatory note

These overseas market access requirements are based the new export certificate for day-old-chicks / hatching eggs to Iran dated 9 April 2010.

Additional Information on OMAR Notification: BIRDOCEC.IRA 09.04.10

1. The notes to this certificate were edited in 2011 to include guidance for the introduction of the approval system of hatcheries under the OAP (Note 4).

This is a new OMAR which is based on the new export certificate that is based on the requirements of 90/539/EEC as amended, and was approved by Iran on the 3/04/2010. It is based on a DEFRA certificate covering exports to Iran (1018EHC) which was agreed on 21/02/2007 and amended on 14/02/2008.

2. Notifiable avian influenza is defined as an infection of poultry caused by any influenza A virus of the H5 or H7 subtypes, or by any AI virus with an intravenous pathogenicity index (IVPI) greater than 1.2 (or as an alternative at least 75% mortality).

3. Iran has requested that the completed export certificate should be sent to the Iranian importer for on-sending to the Iranian Veterinary Organisation.

4. Clause 2.2.4: official control - the requirement for approval of a hatchery under the OAP, including the biannual or annual audits, meets this requirement. Clause 2.2.7: regular clinical inspection - the regular audits, in conjunction with visits performed by the approved poultry veterinarian, meet this requirement.

Section 61.A of the Animal Products Amendments Act 2005 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'.