



# For Your Information: Day-Old Chicks / Hatching Eggs (Poultry, Turkeys and Other Bird Species) to the Republic of Vanuatu

BIRPHEEC.VAN (31 March 2011)

Effective from 11 April 2024

## 1 Purpose

- (1) This information document has been issued to accompany the *Day-old Chicks / Hatching Eggs (Poultry, Turkeys and Other Bird Species) to the Republic of Vanuatu (OMAR)*, dated 31 March 2011. This information document should be read in conjunction with that OMAR.
- (2) The MPI Animal Exports team are aware of issues with this particular Overseas Market Access Requirements (OMAR).

## 2 Issues identified

Date	Clause Implicated	Description of issue identified	Possible interim measure to be considered if applicable.
11 April 2024	All	<p>MPI is currently seeking clarification from the Competent Authority of Vanuatu regarding the export eligibility of day-old chicks and hatching eggs as a result of some source breeder flocks in New Zealand testing serologically positive to Egg Drop Syndrome '76 in October 2023.</p> <p>Consequently, MPI has classified this OMAR as having an "Uncertain Status."</p>	<p>If you are planning an export with this OMAR, please contact MPI Animal Exports team for advice.</p> <p><a href="mailto:animalexports@mpi.govt.nz">animalexports@mpi.govt.nz</a></p>

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**OVERSEAS MARKET ACCESS REQUIREMENTS NOTIFICATION -  
ANIMAL PRODUCTS ACT 1999 – STANDARDS, MINISTRY OF  
AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY NEW ZEALAND**

Ref: AE-VU-19L

Date: 31 March 2011

**OMAR B BIRPHEEC.VAN 31.03.11 – DAY-OLD CHICKS / HATCHING  
EGGS (POULTRY, TURKEYS AND OTHER BIRD SPECIES) to the  
REPUBLIC OF VANUATU**

**1. Statutory Authority**

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999:

(i) I notify the following overseas market access requirements and specifications, entitled day-old chicks / hatching eggs to the Republic of Vanuatu

(ii) Revoke OMAR B BIRPHEEC.VAN 31.03.11.

This notice takes effect from date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2011.

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(pursuant to delegated authority)

**2. Republic of Vanuatu Requirements**

Day-old chicks / hatching eggs (poultry, turkeys and other bird species) exported from New Zealand to the Republic of Vanuatu must comply with the import regulations of the Republic of Vanuatu listed in this notice as follows:

2.1 An import permit is required for the exportation of day-old chicks / hatching eggs (poultry, turkeys and other bird species) to the Republic of Vanuatu.

2.2 An Official Veterinarian of New Zealand must certify after due enquiry the following:

2.2.1 New Zealand is free from Newcastle disease (ICPI > 0.2) and highly pathogenic avian influenza. Vaccination against these diseases is not permitted in New Zealand.

2.2.2 The flock from which the eggs were collected for hatching:

2.2.2.1 is regularly inspected by a veterinary accredited by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

2.2.2.2 come from hatcheries free of evidence of infection with infectious bursal disease (Gumboro disease)

2.2.2.3 were vaccinated against:

Disease	Vaccine used
Marek's disease	
Infectious bronchitis	
Infectious laryngotracheitis*	

\*This vaccination is optional

2.2.3 The day-old chicks / hatching eggs came from establishments and/or hatcheries that are recognised day-old as being free from pullorum and typhoid disease and that have been free from clinical signs of avian infectious bronchitis, avian infectious laryngotracheitis and fowl cholera during the previous twelve (12) months.

2.2.4 The day-old chicks / hatching eggs were produced from establishments free from clinical evidence of mycoplasmosis and were packaged in clean and unused packages.

2.2.5 During the thirty (30) day period immediately preceding the date of export, the establishment / hatchery of origin has been free from symptoms of disease.

2.2.6 In the case of day-old chicks, they have not come into contact with any birds other than those of the same health status.

2.2.7 The hatching eggs were disinfected in accordance with the OIE recommendations and are correctly identified.

### 3. Revocations

OMAR B BIRPHEEC.VAN 03.08.05 – day-old chicks / hatching eggs (poultry, turkeys and other bird species) to the Republic of Vanuatu is revoked and replaced by this OMAR notification.

### 4. 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***

*This OMAR is based on the export certificate day-old chicks / hatching eggs (poultry, turkeys and other bird species) to the Republic of South Africa dated 31 March 2011.*

## **Additional Information on OMAR Notification: BIRPHEEC.VAN 31.03.11**

1. The notes to OMAR were amended in September 2011 to clarify origin details.
2. The notes to this certificate were amended in September 2011 to clarify origin details. This OMAR replaces that dated 3 August 2005 and was approved by Dr Peter Hoyle, Senior Veterinary Officer (North), Department of Livestock and Quarantine, Republic of Vanuatu, on 13 April 2011. It has been updated to include the Exporters Declaration into the body of the export certificate and minor editorial changes made.
3. An Import Permit is required.
4. A separate international health certificate must be completed for each consignment being exported.
5. Clause II of the export certificate. ORIGIN OF DAY-OLD CHICKS / HATCHING EGGS\* - Name and address of source farm/hatchery – both the source farm and the hatchery details are required.
6. Recommendations for the Transport of Live Animals of the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animal Regulations as appropriate.
7. The day-old chicks/hatching eggs must be transported directly without contact with any birds not of equivalent certified health status, from the port of departure in the exporting country to the port of entry in Vanuatu.

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**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'.**