



# 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 to Thailand (OMAR)

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## **TITLE**

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

## **COMMENCEMENT**

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 28 November 2022

## **REVOCATION**

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- OMAR B BIRDOCEC.THA 28.09.10 – POULTRY DAY-OLD CHICKS AND HATCHING EGGS TO THAILAND, dated 28 September 2010.

## **ISSUING AUTHORITY**

This Animal Products Notice is issued under sections 167(1) and 60(1) of the Animal Products Act 1999.

Dated at Wellington, 25 November 2022

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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 Thailand.

## 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 export 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 from New Zealand to Thailand 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 the government of Thailand. It is based on the previous OMAR B BIRDOCEC.THA 28.09.10 and the import requirements received from the Department of Livestock Development (DLD) in July 2022.

## Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

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

Operators of MPI Approved Premises producing chicks and collecting hatching eggs for export to Thailand.

## 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 Thailand which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of Thailand, 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 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
28 November 2022	All sections	New OMAR format.
	Part 2	The sample zoosanitary certificates has been updated according to revised import requirements received from the Department of Livestock Development Thailand (DLD) which include among other conditions the addition of disease freedom statement for parvovirus infection, infectious laryngotracheitis, reticuloendotheliosis virus and fowl typhoid ( <i>Salmonella Gallinarum</i> ).

## 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 export certificate for this OMAR is provided for in *Day-old Chicks and Hatching Eggs of Poultry to the Kingdom of Thailand (Export Certificate)*. The export certificate is password-protected through a RealMe® account.

## Part 1: Requirements

### 1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to the export of poultry day-old chicks and hatching eggs from New Zealand to the Kingdom of Thailand.

### 1.2 Definitions

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

**Act** means the Animal Products Act 1999.

**Authorised person** means a person designated by the Director-General under section 65 of the Act as an authorised person for the purpose of issuing official assurances and for withdrawing and reissuing official assurances under section 64 of the Act.

**Day-old chicks** means a live chick within the first seventy-two (72) hours of life or while it has not been fed.

**MPI recognised veterinary official** means a veterinarian who is either a recognised person or an authorised person.

**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.

**MPI registered avian transitional facility** means the area within the perimeter fence which includes the transitional facility building and surrounding grounds that has been registered and is regulated by MPI under the Biosecurity Act in accordance with section 39 of the Biosecurity Act as a transitional facility for poultry hatching eggs.

**Recognised person** means a person recognised or accredited by the Director-General under section 103 or 104 of the Act to perform specialist functions and activities.

**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.

- (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](#)
  - c) [Animal Products Notice: Production, Supply and Processing](#)
  - d) [Animal Products Notice: Export Approved Premises](#)

### 1.3 Requirements for export

- (1) Day-old chicks and hatching eggs exported from New Zealand to Thailand 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 Thailand.
  - b) The establishment of origin is listed as approved for export of Poultry from New Zealand to Thailand: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/27846-Approved-hatcheries-and-source-flocks-for-export-to-Thailand>
  - c) 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 OF POULTRY

To: KINGDOM OF THAILAND

Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND

Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Import Permit Number: .....

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

Species (common and <i>scientific</i> name)	Commodity Type (day-old chicks or hatching eggs)	Description/Identification	Breed	Sex	Number

Total number in the consignment: .....

Generation (great-grandparent/grandparent/parent): .....

Intended usage (breeding/broiler/layer): .....

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

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

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

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

Name and address of consignee: .....

Means and identification of transport: .....

**IV: SANITARY INFORMATION****VETERINARY CERTIFICATE**

I, ....., being an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries, certify, after due inquiry in regards to the day-old chicks / hatching eggs described in Part I of this certificate, that:

**1. COUNTRY FREEDOM**

- 1.1 New Zealand is free from highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and Newcastle disease as defined by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*.
- 1.2 New Zealand is free from duck plague (duck viral enteritis), encephalitis associated with eastern equine encephalomyelitis virus, western equine encephalomyelitis virus, and West Nile virus.

**2. PREMISES OF ORIGIN**

- 2.1 The MPI approved premises (including the hatchery and source flocks) has a programme of regular testing for *Salmonella* Typhimurium, *Salmonella* Enteritidis and *Salmonella* Pullorum. The source flock and/or hatchery have tested negative for *Salmonella* Typhimurium, *Salmonella* Enteritidis and *Salmonella* Pullorum.
- 2.2 The day-old chicks / hatching eggs come from premises in which avian diseases listed by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) are under control.
- 2.3 During the six (6) months immediately prior to the scheduled date of export, the MPI approved premises was free from clinical signs of the following diseases:
  - Avian Influenza
  - Newcastle disease
  - Infectious bursal disease (Gumboro disease)
  - Infectious bronchitis
  - Avian encephalomyelitis
  - Egg drop syndrome '76
  - Mycoplasmosis (*Mycoplasma gallisepticum* and *Mycoplasma synoviae*)
  - Marek's disease
  - Goose parvovirus infection
  - Viral arthritis
  - Infectious anaemia
  - Fowl cholera (*Pasteurella multocida*)
  - Salmonellosis (*Salmonella* Typhimurium and *Salmonella* Enteritidis)
  - Pullorum disease (*Salmonella* Pullorum)
  - Parvovirus infection
  - Infectious laryngotracheitis
  - Reticuloendotheliosis virus
  - Fowl typhoid (*Salmonella* Gallinarum)
  - Duck virus hepatitis
  - Duck virus enteritis
  - Anatipestifer infection (*Riemerella (Pasteurella) anatipestifer*) (New Duck Syndrome)
  - Ornithosis
- 2.4 The day-old chicks / hatching eggs have not been in contact with, or exposed to, any of the diseases listed in clause 2.3.
- 2.5 The hatchery is approved by an MPI recognised veterinary official as meeting the relevant WOAH *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* standards for management, hygiene and disease control, including biosecurity procedures.

Certificate No: .....

- 2.6 The day-old chicks / hatching eggs originate from source flocks continuously resident in New Zealand that were hatched at an MPI approved premises or an MPI registered avian transitional facility.

### 3. DISINFECTION/EXAMINATION/PACKAGING

[3.1 In the case of day-old chicks:

- 3.1.1 the incubator used for hatching was disinfected/fumigated prior to set and hatch and only disinfected/fumigated eggs were set.
- 3.1.2 they were placed from the incubator into new, unused boxes and had no contact with birds or eggs not of a similar health status.
- 3.1.3 they were fit to travel and free from visual signs of infectious or contagious disease, including ectoparasites, within 24 hours of the scheduled time of export.]<sup>[1]</sup>

[3.2 In the case of hatching eggs, they were disinfected/fumigated prior to dispatch. They were packed into new, unused boxes and had no contact with birds or eggs not of a similar health status.]<sup>[2]</sup>

<sup>[1]</sup> Delete entire clause in the case of hatching eggs.

<sup>[2]</sup> Delete clause in the case of day-old chicks.

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Signature of Official Veterinarian  
Ministry for Primary Industries  
New Zealand

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Official Stamp and Date

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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.**