

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT 1965

**VETERINARY CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF
DOMESTIC BIRDS****I COUNTRY OF EXPORT**

Malaysia.

II PURPOSE

Slaughter for consumption.

III IMPORT LICENCE

The importer must have a valid licence to import issued by the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) of Singapore. Each consignment of domestic birds shall be accompanied by a valid TradeNet Cargo Clearance Permit (CCP).

IV VETERINARY CERTIFICATION

Each consignment of domestic birds shall be accompanied by a veterinary certificate dated within seven (7) days of import, signed or endorsed by a veterinarian duly authorised by the Government Veterinary Authority of the country of export, giving details of the consignment (consignor, consignee, quantity, farm code and type of domestic bird, name and address of the farm of origin) and certifying to the effect that:

- (i) Infection with high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) viruses is a notifiable disease in the country of export;
- (ii) the disease-free zones in the States of Johore, Malacca, Negri Sembilan, Selangor, Perak and Pahang have been free from high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) for the past twelve (12) months prior to export¹;

¹ For SFA-accredited countries with HPAI outbreak(s), for resumption of trade, the following condition must be met: the country has been free from HPAI for past 28 days following a stamping out policy in accordance with Article 10.4.6 of OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code.

- (iii) the disease-free zones in the States of Johore, Malacca, Negri Sembilan, Selangor, Perak and Pahang have been free from low pathogenicity avian influenza (LPAI) of the H5 and H7 subtypes for the past three (3) months prior to export;
- (iv) the poultry originated from a flock that was monitored for avian influenza viruses and was found to be negative;
- (v) the accredited farm where the poultry originated, there has been no case of velogenic Newcastle disease, Fowl Cholera for the last three months and, the farm has been tested and found to be free from *Salmonella* Enteritidis;
- (vi) the consignment of domestic birds are derived from flocks clinically healthy and free from any signs of infectious disease;
- (vii) **(in the case of ducks)** the ducks are derived from a farm where no case of duck virus enteritis has occurred in the past six (6) months prior to export.
- (viii) **(in the case of ducks from disease-free zones in Perak)** the ducks were tested negative for HPAI and H5 and H7 LPAI not more than fourteen (14) days prior to the date of export.

V DECLARATION FROM MASTER/CAPTAIN OF SHIP/AIRCRAFT

Not required.

VI QUARANTINE

No quarantine.

VII APPLICATION FOR IMPORT LICENCE

The importer or his agent must apply for the Import License by submitting an online application through LicenceOne (<http://www.sfa.gov.sg/e-services>) two weeks prior to the arrival of animals.

VIII NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVAL

Not required.

IX VETERINARY INSPECTION

On arrival at the port of entry in Singapore, the documents (CCP, Veterinary Health Certificate) shall be presented to and examined by an authorised Officer. If the documents are in order and the birds are healthy, the consignment shall be released to the importer.

X PENALTY

All imports must comply fully with the conditions of the Import Licence and Veterinary Conditions, unless prior written approval has been obtained from SFA. Any consignment of animals or related products that do not meet the requirements may be detained, returned to the country of export or destroyed at the discretion of the Director-General, Animal Health and Welfare. In addition, the importer shall be guilty of an offence under the Animals and Birds Act Section 8(1) and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both.

XI FEES

The fee must be paid for each consignment on issuance of the CCP through inter-bank GIRO.

- (i) Import Licence for domestic birds - see Fee Schedule: Attachment-2.

XII OTHER REQUIREMENTS/INFORMATION

- (i) The domestic birds must be derived from farms accredited by SFA. Each consignment must be derived from a single farm. Application for accreditation of farm may be made by supplying detailed technical information of the farm e.g. name, address and location, size, population of poultry, breed, estimated production per month, sanitation and hygiene, management practice, vaccination regime through the competent Veterinary Authority of the country of origin, i.e. Director-General of Veterinary Services, Malaysia.
- (ii) Any expenditure incurred in the process of importation shall be borne by the importer.
- (iii) Regulations and fees are subject to change without notice notwithstanding the issuance of a Licence by SFA.
- (iv) Domestic birds include domestic fowls or chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, silkies, quails, chukar partridges, and pigeons.
- (v) Importation of endangered species is subject to CITES regulations.
- (vi) Importation of rock pigeons is not allowed.

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