

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT 1965

**VETERINARY CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF
HATCHING EGGS (2/2)**

I COUNTRY OF EXPORT

Any country except Malaysia

II PURPOSE

Any purpose.

III IMPORT LICENCE

Each consignment of eggs shall be accompanied by a valid import licence issued by the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) of Singapore.

IV VETERINARY CERTIFICATION

Each consignment of eggs shall be accompanied by a veterinary certificate dated within seven days (7) of import and 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 and breed, name and address of the farm and hatchery where applicable) 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 country has 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 eggs were derived from a farm approved for the import of day-old domestic bird or hatching eggs by SFA, Singapore;
- (iv) (in the case of domestic fowl or chicken, turkey, silkie, quail eggs), the farm is accredited to be free from *Salmonella pullorum* **and** tested and found to be free from *Salmonella enteritidis*, **and** no case of Newcastle disease, Infectious bronchitis, Infectious laryngotracheitis, Avian encephalomyelitis, Infectious bursal disease, EDS '76, Salmonellosis, chronic respiratory disease due to *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* or *M. synoviae*, or any disease notifiable in the country of export has been diagnosed on the farm for the last six(6) months prior to export;
- (v) (in the case of duck or goose eggs), the eggs were derived from a farm where no case of duck plague or duck viral hepatitis or any diseases notifiable in the country of export, had occurred in the preceding six(6) months prior to export;
- (vi) the eggs were incubated in a hatchery approved by SFA, and where eggs and incubators have been fumigated and disinfected prior to incubation (where applicable);
- (vii) the eggs were cleaned and sanitised;
OR
the eggs were derived from parent flocks that were monitored for avian influenza viruses and were found to be negative at the time of collection of the hatching eggs;
- (viii) the eggs were transported in new or appropriately sanitised packaging materials and containers;
- (ix) the eggs have not been inoculated with any microorganisms nor otherwise contaminated with any pathogenic organisms.

V DECLARATION FROM MASTER/CAPTAIN OF SHIP/AIRCRAFT

Not required.

VI QUARANTINE

Day-olds hatched from the consignment shall be quarantined in an approved area within the farm or premises for at least 4 weeks. Any sick or dead chicks/ducklings etc shall be subject to laboratory

examination. The chicks/ducklings etc may be destroyed if any disease outbreak is detected during this period.

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

The importer or his agent shall contact the Quarantine Office as stated in the Import Licence at least five (5) working days before the arrival of the eggs.

IX VETERINARY INSPECTION

On arrival at the port of disembarkation in Singapore, the eggs and documents (Import Licence, Veterinary Health Certificate) shall be presented to and examined by an authorised Veterinary Officer. If the consignment of eggs is found to be clean and fumigated and documents are in order, the eggs 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

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

XII OTHER REQUIREMENTS/INFORMATION

- (i) Eggs must be derived from an approved farm. Farms which have exported to Singapore in the past two (2) years are approved subject to compliance with current requirements. Otherwise approval of the farm must be sought before applying for an import licence by supplying detail technical information of the farm eg name, address, and location of farm and hatchery, size, population of poultry, breed, estimated production per month, sanitation and hygiene, management practice, vaccination regime, through the veterinary authority of the country of origin (e.g. Director General of Livestock Services, Indonesia; Director General of Veterinary Services, Malaysia; Director General of Livestock Development, Thailand)
- (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, ducks, geese, turkeys, silkies, quails, chukar partridges, and pigeons.
- (v) Hatching-eggs include embryonated- and fertilized- eggs of domestic birds.
- (vi) Importation of endangered species is subject to CITES regulations.
- (vii) Importation of rock pigeons is not allowed.

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