



# Ornamental Birds for Zoological Purpose to China (OMAR)

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## **TITLE**

Animal Products Notice: Ornamental Birds for Zoological Purpose to China (OMAR)

## **COMMENCEMENT**

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 18 May 2020

## **ISSUING AUTHORITY**

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

Dated at Wellington, 14 May 2020.

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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 ornamental birds for zoological purpose from New Zealand to China.

## 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 ornamental birds for zoological purpose to be exported from New Zealand to China and determines the form and content of the official assurance that must accompany the ornamental birds for zoological purpose to be exported. The OMAR was issued after consultation with industry and the General Administration of Customs of the Peoples Republic of China (GACC). It is based on the *Quarantine and Health Requirements for Ornamental birds to be Imported into the People's Republic of China* received by an exporter in November 2019.

## Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of ornamental birds for zoological purpose to China.

## 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 ornamental birds for zoological purpose meet the requirements for export to China which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of China, has determined will apply. It should be noted that although the ornamental birds for zoological purpose may comply with these requirements and be given an official assurance (by way of a certificate), the

importing country ultimately retains control over what ornamental birds for zoological purpose it clears for entry.

## Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
18 May 2020	All sections	New OMAR

## 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/law-and-policy/requirements/omars-overseas-market-access-requirements/omars-live-animals-semen-embryos-organics/>

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 *Ornamental Birds for Zoological Purpose to China (Export Certificate)*. The export certificate is password-protected.

## Part 1: Requirements

### 1.1 Application

- (1) This Notice applies to the export of ornamental birds for zoological purpose from New Zealand to China. All other birds not originating from a zoological premises are excluded from this notice.

### 1.2 Definitions

- (1) In this Notice, unless the context otherwise requires:
- Act** means the Animal Products Act 1999.
- GACC** means the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China.
- HI** means haemagglutination inhibition test.
- PCR** means polymerase chain reaction test.
- (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:
- Animal Products Notice: Official Assurances Specifications for Animal Material and Animal Products.*
  - Animal Products Notice: Specifications for Laboratories*

### 1.3 Requirements for export

- (1) Ornamental birds for zoological purpose exported from New Zealand to China 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 permit to import the ornamental birds for zoological purpose has been issued by the competent authority of China.
  - Only after having confirmed the import permit has been issued by GACC can the birds commence the quarantine and inspection process.
  - The official veterinarian should register the identity of the ornamental birds one by one when the birds enter the quarantine facilities and at the end of quarantine.
  - The proposed shipment otherwise meets the requirements of this Notice.

### 1.4 Specific requirements for the zoosanitary certificate

Table 1.4A

Clause in zoosanitary certificate	Type of testing	Condition on test
5.2.1	Avian Influenza	Must use a PCR test which is able to detect all serotypes of avian influenza. Avian influenza virus is to be tested from cloacal swabs.

5.2.2	Newcastle Disease	Velogenic strains of Newcastle Disease is to be tested by real-time PCR from cloacal swabs if the birds weigh less than 250 grams.
5.2.2.2		If the birds weigh 250 grams or more, the birds can be tested either as 5.2.2 or by using haemagglutination inhibition test with a serum dilution of 1:16.

## 1.5 Laboratories

- (1) Where this Notice requires laboratory testing to be undertaken the testing must be done in laboratories operating in accordance with the Recognised Laboratory Programme (RLP) unless otherwise stated.

## Part 2: Zoosanitary Certificate



Certificate No: .....

### NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

#### ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Commodity: ORNAMENTAL BIRDS FOR ZOOLOGICAL PURPOSE  
 To: PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA  
 Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND  
 Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES  
 Import Permit number: .....

#### I: IDENTIFICATION OF ORNAMENTAL BIRDS

Species <i>(scientific name)</i>	Identification Microchip number	Sex

Total number of ornamental birds: .....

#### II: ORIGIN OF ORNAMENTAL BIRD(S)

Name and address of exporter: .....  
 .....  
 Name and address of premises of origin: .....  
 .....  
 .....

#### III: DESTINATION OF ORNAMENTAL BIRD(S)

Name and address of consignee: .....  
 .....

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

I,....., being an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI), certify, after due enquiry in regard to the ornamental bird(s) described in this Zoosanitary Certificate, that

**1. COUNTRY FREEDOM**

New Zealand is officially free from highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and Newcastle Disease.

**2. PREMISES OF ORIGIN**

- 2.1 The ornamental bird(s) is(are) born in New Zealand or legally imported from other countries without avian influenza and cultured in New Zealand for at least six(6) months.
- 2.2 The ornamental bird(s) originate from premises that were free from clinically diagnosed cases of low pathogenicity avian influenza (all subtypes) and ornithosis (avian chlamydiosis) during the twelve (12) months prior to export.

**3. VACCINATION STATUS**

- 3.1 The ornamental bird(s) have not been vaccinated against any H5 or H7 subtype of avian influenza.

**4. PRE-EXPORT ISOLATION**

- 4.1 The ornamental bird(s) shall be isolated at the premises of origin for at least thirty (30) days immediately prior to shipment.

**5. TESTING AND TREATMENT**

- 5.1 During the pre- export isolation period, the ornamental birds shall be clinically examined by a New Zealand registered veterinarian, and found to be healthy and free from any clinical signs of infectious diseases.
- 5.2 During the pre-export isolation period, the ornamental bird(s) were sampled at a rate of at least ten percent (10%) (but no less than thirty (30) ornamental birds) to conduct the following tests with negative results. Tests were carried out in an officially approved laboratory.

**5.2.1 AVIAN INFLUENZA;**

PCR test able to detect all serotypes of avian influenza

[Avian influenza virus shall be tested by PCR from cloacal swabs]

Date of sampling: .....

Date of testing: .....

Name and address of laboratory: .....

**5.2.2 NEWCASTLE DISEASE;****5.2.2.1 An option in the case of all ornamental birds:**

[Velogenic strains of Newcastle Disease virus shall be tested by real- time PCR from cloacal swabs]

Date of sampling: .....

Certificate No: .....

Date of testing: .....

Name and address of laboratory:.....]\*

Or

**5.2.2.2 Only an option in the case of ornamental birds weighing more than 250 grams:**

[HI (haemagglutination inhibition) test with a serum dilution of 1:16 (not an option for ornamental birds weighing less than 250 grams)

Date of sampling: .....

Date of testing: .....

Name and address of laboratory:]\*

(\*delete as appropriate)

5.3 During the pre-export isolation period, the ornamental bird(s) have been given a preventive treatment of ornithosis (avian chlamydiosis).

**6. EXAMINATION AND TRANSPORT**

6.1. The ornamental bird(s) were examined by an official veterinarian within twenty-four (24) hours prior to export and found to be healthy and free of clinical signs of infectious disease.

6.2 All cages, crates and vehicles used for transporting the ornamental birds were cleaned and disinfected.

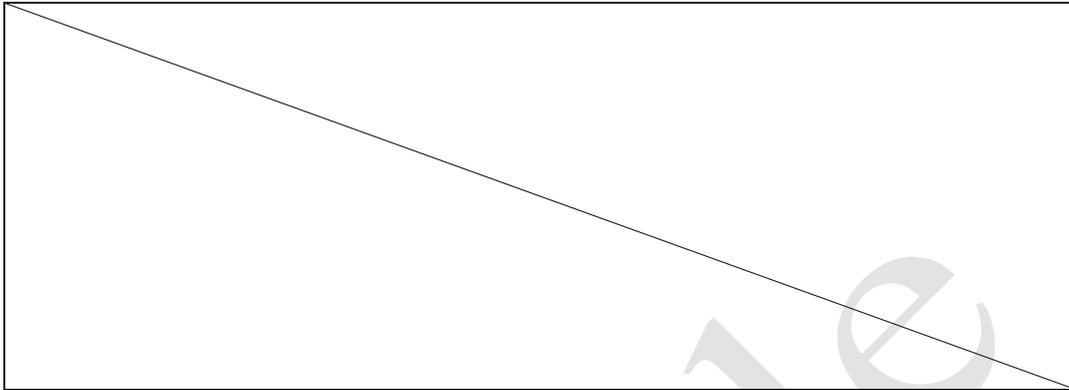
6.3 After due enquiry, I am satisfied that the ornamental bird(s) planned route is consistent with that of the granted import permit.

6.4 After due enquiry I am satisfied that the ornamental bird(s) will not have contact with animals not from the same consignment during transportation.

.....  
Official Veterinarian  
New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries  
Name and Address:.....

.....  
Official Stamp and Date

**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.**



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