



# Poultry to the United States of America (OMAR)

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## **TITLE**

Animal Products Notice: Poultry to the United States of America (OMAR)

## **COMMENCEMENT**

This Animal Products Notice comes into force on 17 July 2020

## **REVOCATION**

This Animal Products Notice revokes and replaces:

- Poultry to the United States of America, POUDAE.US, dated 21 November 2019.

## **ISSUING AUTHORITY**

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

Dated at Wellington, 13 July 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 day-old chicks and hatching eggs of poultry from New Zealand to the United States of America.

## 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 of poultry to be exported from New Zealand to the United States of America and determines the form and content of the official assurance that must accompany the day-old chicks and hatching eggs of poultry to be exported. The OMAR was issued after consultation with industry and the United States of America. It is based on the previous OMAR and communications from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) clarifying source flock address requirements, dated 3 June 2020.

## Who should read this Animal Products Notice?

Exporters of day-old chicks and hatching eggs of poultry to the United States of America.

Operators of Export Approved Premises collecting day-old chicks and hatching eggs of poultry for export to the United States of America.

## 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 of poultry meet the requirements for export to the United States of America which New Zealand, in consultation with the government of the United States of America, has determined will apply. It should be noted that although the day-old chicks and hatching eggs of poultry 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 of poultry it clears for entry.

## Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
21 November 2019	All sections	New OMAR format
17 July 2020	1.4	Update to the OMAR to require listing of all source flocks and associated addresses. Update to the MPI short code naming convention.

## 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 *Day-Old Chicks / Hatching Eggs of Poultry to the United States of America (Export Certificate)*. The export certificate is password-protected.

## Part 1: Requirements

### 1.1 Application

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

### 1.2 Definitions

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

**Act** means the Animal Products Act 1999

**Day-old chick** means newly-hatched live poultry chicks within the first 72 hours of life or while they have not been fed, whichever period is shorter.

**Hatching eggs** means fertilised eggs suitable for incubation and hatching.

**Poultry** means chickens, doves, ducks, geese, grouse, guinea fowl, partridges, pea fowl, pheasants, pigeons, quail, swans and turkeys.

- (2) A term in this Notice that is defined in the Act has the meaning given to it in the Act
- (3) 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](#)
  - [Animal Products Notice: Export Approved Premises.](#)

### 1.3 Requirements for export

- (1) Day-old chicks and hatching eggs of poultry exported from New Zealand to the United States of America 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 day-old chicks and hatching eggs of poultry has been issued by the competent authority of the United States of America.
  - 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
3.1.2	<i>Salmonella</i> Enteritidis	Environmental culture
3.1.3	Turkey rhinotracheitis	rRT-PCR, ELISA or serology

- (1) In relation to section II of the zoosanitary certificate, “*Source of Day-Old Chicks / Hatching Eggs*”, the name and address of the relevant source flocks supplying the eggs for incubation of day-old chicks or export of hatching eggs must be recorded in this section in addition to the hatchery.
- (2) In relation to clause 3.1.1 – If the source flock contains less than 3,000 birds, at least 5% of the flock must be sampled. If the source flock is 3,000 birds or more, a minimum of 150 birds must be sampled, as 150 is 5% of 3,000.

## **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: DAY-OLD CHICKS / HATCHING EGGS OF POULTRY

To: THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND

Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Import Permit Number: .....

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

Species ( <i>scientific name</i> )	Breed (broiler/layer)	Commodity type (day-old chicks or hatching eggs)	Number

Total number of day-old chicks / hatching eggs: .....

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

Name and address of exporter: .....

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Name and address of Export Approved Premises: .....

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

Name and address of consignee: .....

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Means of transport: .....

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

I, ....., being an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) certify, after due enquiry, with respect to the day-old chicks / hatching eggs described in this zoosanitary certificate that:

**1. COUNTRY FREEDOM**

- 1.1. New Zealand is free of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), as defined by the OIE *Code*.
- 1.2. New Zealand is free of Newcastle disease, as defined by the OIE *Code*

**2. HEALTH STATUS**

- 2.1. There was no evidence or knowledge of *Salmonella* Enteritidis present in the source flocks, within thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date of export.
- 2.2. The source flocks and day-old chicks have not been vaccinated against any H5 or H7 subtype of avian influenza, Newcastle disease, or turkey rhinotracheitis

**3. TESTING**

- 3.1. The source flocks were tested, with negative results, for the following diseases:
- 3.1.1. Egg drop syndrome (adenovirus 127), at a sampling rate of 5% or a minimum of 150 birds, within ninety (90) days prior to the scheduled date of export;
- 3.1.2. *Salmonella* Enteritidis on environmental culture, within thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date of export;
- 3.1.3. Turkey rhinotracheitis (avian metapneumovirus or Swollen Head Syndrome), using rRT-PCR, ELISA or serology, at a sampling rate of at least thirty (30) birds per house, within ninety (90) days prior to the scheduled date of export.
- 3.2. All testing was carried out by a government approved laboratory.

**4. PACKING AND TRANSIT**

- 4.1. All hatching eggs for export to the United States have been sanitized by a method recognised by the OIE, and have been packed in clean unused packing material.
- 4.2. After due enquiry, and to the best of my knowledge, the shipment will not transit through any regions where APHIS considers HPAI to exist, as listed on their web page.

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Signature of Official Veterinarian  
New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

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Official Stamp and Date

Name.....

Address.....

**NB: 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.**