

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

THE ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT (CHAP.7)

**VETERINARY CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF
DOMESTIC BIRDS AND EGGS (2/6) - DAY-OLD CHICKS**
(2/2)

I COUNTRY OF EXPORT

Australia, Canada, France, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Netherlands, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States of America, or Federal Republic of Germany.

II PURPOSE

Any purpose.

III IMPORT LICENCE

Each consignment of chicks shall be accompanied by a valid import licence issued by the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) of Singapore.

IV VETERINARY CERTIFICATION

Each consignment of day-old chicks 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 of chicks, name and address of the farm and hatchery) and certifying to the effect that:

- (i) Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and H5 and H7 low pathogenicity avian influenza (LPAI) are notifiable diseases in the country of export;
- (ii) the country has been free from highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) for the past three (3) months prior to export;
- (iii) the country has 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 chicks were hatched from eggs derived from a farm approved for the import of day-old chicks by AVA, Singapore and which is accredited 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) the chicks were hatched in a hatchery approved by AVA, and where no eggs from any other farm have been hatched at the same time and where eggs and incubators have been fumigated and disinfected prior to incubation;
- (vi) the chicks were packed in the hatchery into new disposable boxes for export, and had no contact with any birds (including poultry) other than day-old chicks originating from the same hatchery;
- (vii) the day-old chicks have not been vaccinated against any disease except Marek's disease, Newcastle disease and avian infectious bronchitis with vaccines approved by the Director-General of Agri-Food and Veterinary Services, Singapore;
- (viii) the chicks have been examined and found to be healthy and free from any clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease at the time of export.

V DECLARATION FROM MASTER/CAPTAIN OF SHIP/AIRCRAFT

Not required.

VI QUARANTINE

On arrival, the day-old chicks shall be quarantined in an approved area within the farm for at least 4 weeks. Any sick or dead chicks shall be subject to laboratory examination. The consignment of chicks 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.ava.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 chicks.



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IX VETERINARY INSPECTION

On arrival at the port of disembarkation in Singapore, the chicks and documents (Import Licence, Veterinary Health Certificate) shall be presented to and examined by an authorised Veterinary Officer. If the consignment of chicks is found to be healthy and documents are in order, the chicks shall be taken directly to the approved quarantine premises.

X PENALTY

If the chicks are not healthy or if any document is not in order, the chicks shall be quarantined at CAPQ (arrivals by air) for two (2) weeks or longer/returned (arrivals by road) or destroyed at the discretion of the Director-General of Agri-Food and Veterinary Services. In addition the importer is subject to prosecution.

XI FEES

- (i) Import Licence)
- (ii) Accommodation at Changi Animal & Plant Quarantine) see Fee Schedule: Attachment-2
Unit (CAPQ)

XII OTHER REQUIREMENTS/INFORMATION

- (i) Chicks 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. A list of approved export farms can be obtained on application; 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) A licence issued by AVA must be obtained to use any place for exhibition, sale or export of any animal or bird.
- (iii) Any expenditure incurred in the process of importation shall be borne by the importer.
- (iv) Regulations and fees are subject to change without notice notwithstanding the issuance of a licence by AVA.
- (v) Domestic birds include domestic fowls, ducks, geese, turkeys, silkies, quails, chukar partridges, and pigeons.
- (vi) Day-old chicks include newly hatched domestic fowls or chickens, turkeys, silkies, quails, chukar partridges and pigeons.
- (vii) Importation of endangered species is subject to CITES regulations.
- (viii) Importation of rock pigeons is not allowed.

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