

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

THE ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT (CHAP.7)

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

I COUNTRY OF EXPORT

Any country except Malaysia.

II PURPOSE

Consumption.

III IMPORT LICENCE

The importer must have a valid licence to import issued by the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) of Singapore. Each consignment of eggs shall be accompanied by a valid TradeNet Cargo Clearance Permit (CCP) issued.

IV VETERINARY CERTIFICATION

Each consignment of eggs shall be accompanied by a veterinary certificate dated within seven days (7) of export 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, name and address of the farm 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 eggs are unfertilized and derived from layer flocks kept in a farm accredited for the import of eggs by AVA, Singapore;
- (v) the farm where the eggs originate has been tested and found to be free from *Salmonella* Enteritidis, **and** no case of velogenic Newcastle disease, Infectious bronchitis, Infectious laryngotracheitis, Avian encephalomyelitis, Infectious bursal disease, EDS '76 or chronic respiratory disease due to *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* or *M.synoviae*, Salmonellosis (including *Salm. pullorum*), duck virus enteritis or duck viral hepatitis has been diagnosed on the farm for the last three months prior to export;
- (vi) the eggs were clean, fresh and fit for human consumption, and packed into new disposable boxes for 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.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 eggs (if necessary).

IX VETERINARY INSPECTION

On arrival at the port of disembarkation in Singapore, the eggs and documents (CCP, Veterinary Health Certificate) shall be presented to and examined by an authorised officer. If the consignment of eggs is found to be clean and fresh [samples of eggs with at least **60 Haugh Units (HU)**], and documents are in order, the eggs shall be released to the importer. The eggs are subject to bacteriological examination before release at the discretion of the Director-General of Agri-Food and Veterinary Services. Samples of eggs may be taken for laboratory monitoring/surveillance.

X PENALTY

If the eggs are not clean or fresh or if any document is not in order, the eggs shall be returned or destroyed at the discretion of the Director-General of Agri-Food and Veterinary Services. The exporting farm may be suspended/delisted and the import licence revoked. In addition the importer is subject to prosecution.



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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) Eggs must be derived from farms accredited by AVA. Each consignment must be derived from a single farm only. Application for farm accreditation may be made by supplying detail technical information of the farm e.g. name, address, and location farm and hatchery, 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 (e.g. Director-General of Livestock Services, Indonesia; Director-General of Veterinary Services, Malaysia; Director-General of Livestock Development, Thailand).
- (ii) New farms and suspended farms seeking accreditation and re-instatement by AVA may be required to obtain replacement birds (day-old chicks) only from AVA accredited breeder farms. The requirements for accreditation of breeder farms is as para (i) above.
- (iii) In the case of eggs being transported in reefer containers, the temperature must be maintained throughout the transportation such that the eggs would arrive in sanitary and fresh condition.
- (iv) 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) Table-eggs include eggs of domestic birds which are not fertilized or embryonated.
- (vii) Eggs must be individually labelled with a code (approved by AVA) to identify the producing farm. Labelling should be done with an approved food dye applied with an ink-jet equipment.

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