

Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Day-old Poultry and Birds and Hatching Eggs

(In case of any discrepancy between the English version and the Chinese text of these Requirements, the Chinese text shall govern.)

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1. "Day-old poultry and birds" refer to the poultry and bird at age no more than 72 hours after hatching. Day-old poultry and birds and hatching eggs are allowed to import only from countries or zones recognized by the central competent authority of this country as free from highly pathogenic avian influenza.
2. To import day-old land fowls and hatching eggs (including chicken, turkey, pheasant, quail, guinea fowl, partridge, grouse, peafowl, ostrich, emu, cassowary, etc. and their hatching eggs), the following requirements shall be complied with:
 - (1) The day-old land fowls and hatching eggs shall originate from a breeding establishment or a hatchery which is under the supervision and regular inspection by the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country, and the hygiene and disease security procedures in breeding flocks and hatcheries shall be in compliance with Chapter 6.4. of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).
 - (2) The day-old land fowls and hatching eggs shall originate from breeding flocks whose birds have been in the exporting country for the past 6 months or since hatching and have not been in contact with any imported poultry or birds.
 - (3) The day-old land fowls and hatching eggs shall originate from breeding flocks that Newcastle disease, infectious bursal disease, pullorum disease, infectious laryngotracheitis, and fowl cholera have not occurred in the previous year; and H5 and H7 subtype avian influenza, psittacosis, avian encephalomyelitis, egg drop syndrome, infectious bronchitis, chronic respiratory disease caused by *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*, infectious synovitis caused by *Mycoplasma synoviae* and infectious coryza have not occurred for the past 6 months.
 - (4) The breeding flocks from which the day-old land fowls and hatching eggs originate shall not be vaccinated with vaccines against avian influenza.
 - (5) The breeding flocks from which the day-old land fowls and hatching eggs originate shall be subjected regularly to the following disease tests done by laboratory designated by the exporting country with negative results:
 - i. H5 and H7 subtype avian influenza: antibody test and causal agent identification.
 - ii. Newcastle disease: causal agent identification.
 - iii. Pullorum disease: serological test.The test methods for diseases designated above shall follow the Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals of OIE.
 - (6) The hatching eggs shall be disinfected in accordance with the methods designated in Chapter 6.4. of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of OIE or methods approved by the animal quarantine authority of the importing country.
 - (7) The imported day-old land fowls and hatching eggs shall be accompanied by an original veterinary certificate issued by the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country and the certificate shall state the following detailed information in English:
 - i. Species of land fowls and origin:
 - (i) Species of land fowls: scientific name or common name.
 - (ii) Quantity.
 - (iii) Exporting country.
 - (iv) Competent authority of the exporting country.

- (v) Province or area of the breeding establishment of origin.
 - (vi) Name, registration number and address of the breeding establishment of origin.
 - (vii) Name, registration number and address of the hatchery of origin.
 - (viii) Name and address of the exporter or the exporting company.
- ii. Destination:
- (i) Country of destination.
 - (ii) Name and address of the importer or the importing company.
- iii. Attesting that the health status of the imported day-old land fowls and hatching eggs are in compliance with Articles 2. (1) to (6) of the Requirements.
- iv. Kinds of vaccines administered to the breeding flocks of origin and date of vaccination.
- v. Date, place and authority of issuance of the veterinary certificate, official stamp, and the name and signature of the veterinary officer.
3. To import day-old waterfowls and hatching eggs (including duck, goose, swan, mandarin duck, penguin, sandpiper, plover, egret, stork, crane, and rail, etc. and their hatching eggs), the following requirements shall be complied with:
- (1) The day-old waterfowls and hatching eggs shall originate from a breeding establishment or a hatchery which is under the supervision and regular inspection by the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country, and the hygiene and disease security procedures in breeding flocks and hatcheries shall be in compliance with Chapter 6.4. of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of OIE.
 - (2) The day-old waterfowls and hatching eggs shall originate from breeding flocks whose birds have been in the exporting country for the past 6 months or since hatching and have not been in contact with any imported poultry or birds.
 - (3) The day-old waterfowls and hatching eggs shall originate from breeding flocks that Newcastle disease, paramyxovirus infection, fowl cholera, duck virus enteritis and waterfowl parvovirus infection have not occurred in the previous year; and H5 and H7 subtype avian influenza and duck viral hepatitis have not occurred for the past 6 months.
 - (4) The breeding flocks from which the day-old waterfowls and hatching eggs originate shall not be vaccinated with vaccines against avian influenza.
 - (5) The breeding flocks from which the day-old waterfowls and hatching eggs originate shall be subjected regularly to the following disease tests done by laboratory designated by the exporting country with negative results:
 - i. H5 and H7 subtype avian influenza: antibody test and causal agent identification.
 - ii. Newcastle disease and other paramyxovirus infection: causal agent identification.
 - iii. Duck virus enteritis: serum neutralization test or causal agent identification.
 The test methods for diseases designated above shall follow the Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals of OIE.
 - (6) The hatching eggs shall be disinfected in accordance with the methods designated in Chapter 6.4. of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of OIE or methods approved by the animal quarantine authority of the importing country.
 - (7) The imported day-old waterfowls and hatching eggs shall be accompanied by an original veterinary certificate issued by the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country and the certificate shall state the following detailed information in English:
 - i. Species of waterfowls and origin:
 - (i) Species of waterfowls: scientific name or common name.
 - (ii) Quantity.
 - (iii) Exporting country.
 - (iv) Competent authority of the exporting country.
 - (v) Province or area of the breeding establishment of origin.
 - (vi) Name, registration number and address of the breeding establishment of origin.

- (vii) Name, registration number and address of the hatchery of origin.
- (viii) Name and address of the exporter or the exporting company.
- ii. Destination:
 - (i) Country of destination.
 - (ii) Name and address of the importer or the importing company.
- iii. Attesting that the health status of the imported day-old waterfowls and hatching eggs are in compliance with Articles 3. (1) to (6) of the Requirements.
- iv. Kinds of vaccines administered to the breeding flocks of origin and date of vaccination.
- v. Date, place and authority of issuance of the veterinary certificate, official stamp, and the name and signature of the veterinary officer.

4. To import day-old birds and hatching eggs (including pigeons, and other flying birds, etc. and their hatching eggs), the following requirements shall be complied with:

- (1) The day-old birds and hatching eggs shall originate from a breeding establishment or a hatchery which is under the supervision and regular inspection by the animal quarantine authorities of the exporting country, and the hygiene and disease security procedures in breeding flocks and hatcheries shall be in compliance with Chapter 6.4. of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of OIE.
- (2) The day-old birds and hatching eggs shall originate from breeding flocks whose birds have been in the exporting country for the past 6 months or since hatching and have not been in contact with any other imported poultry or birds.
- (3) The day-old birds and hatching eggs shall originate from breeding flocks that Newcastle disease, pullorum disease, and fowl cholera have not occurred in the previous year; and H5 and H7 subtype avian influenza, psittacosis and infectious coryza have not occurred for the past 6 months.
- (4) The breeding flocks from which the day-old birds and hatching eggs originate shall not be vaccinated with vaccines against avian influenza.
- (5) The breeding flocks from which the day-old birds and hatching eggs originated shall be regularly subjected to the following disease tests done by laboratory designated by the exporting country with negative results:
 - i. H5 and H7 subtype avian influenza: antibody test and causal agent identification.
 - ii. Newcastle disease: causal agent identification.

The test methods for diseases designated above shall follow the Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals of OIE.
- (6) The hatching eggs shall be disinfected in accordance with the methods designated in Chapter 6.4. of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of OIE or methods approved by the animal quarantine authority of the importing country.
- (7) The imported day-old birds and hatching eggs shall be accompanied by an original veterinary certificate issued by the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country and the certificate shall state the following detailed information in English:
 - i. Species of birds and origin:
 - (i) Species of birds: scientific name or common name.
 - (ii) Quantity.
 - (iii) Exporting country.
 - (iv) Competent authority of the exporting country.
 - (v) Province or area of the breeding establishment of origin.
 - (vi) Name, registration number and address of the breeding establishment of origin.
 - (vii) Name, registration number and address of the hatchery of origin.
 - (viii) Name and address of the exporter or the exporting company.
 - ii. Destination:
 - (i) Country of destination.

- (ii) Name and address of the importer or the importing company.
 - iii. Attesting that the health status of the imported day-old birds and hatching eggs are in compliance with Articles 4. (1) to (6) of the Requirements.
 - iv. Kinds of vaccines administered to the breeding flocks of origin and date of vaccination.
 - v. Date, place and authority of issuance of the veterinary certificate, official stamp, and the name and signature of the veterinary officer.
5. The day-old poultry and birds and hatching eggs shall be transported with containers which are new, clean and sealed. The consignment shall not transit (change of vehicles) through any country/zone infected with highly pathogenic avian influenza. No additional feed, fodder, bedding or poultry/birds shall be loaded after departure en route to the destination. The means of transport and transit shall be in compliance with the “Terrestrial Animal Health Code” of the OIE and the “Live Animals Regulations” of the International Air Transport Association (IATA). However, when the hatching eggs are transported in closed containers in compliance with “Regulations of Import Quarantine Operation for Animal Products Transported by Closed Container”, they are allowed to transit (change of vehicles) through countries/zones infected with highly pathogenic avian influenza.
6. These requirements may not apply to the exporting countries which have signed with this country bilateral agreements that include the relevant quarantine requirements.