

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

THE ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT (CHAP.7)

**VETERINARY CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF  
DOMESTIC BIRDS AND EGGS (5/6) - HATCHING EGGS (2/2)**

**I COUNTRY OF EXPORT**

Any country except Malaysia

**II PURPOSE**

Any purpose.

**III IMPORT LICENCE**

Each consignment of eggs 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 eggs 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, name and address of the farm and hatchery where applicable) 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 were derived from a farm approved for the import of day-old domestic bird or hatching eggs by AVA, Singapore;
- (v) (in the case of domestic fowl or chicken, turkey, silkie, quail eggs), the farm is accredited to be 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;
- (vi) (in the case of duck or goose eggs), the eggs were derived from a farm where no case of duck plague or duck viral hepatitis or any diseases notifiable in the country of export, had occurred in the preceding six(6) months prior to export;
- (vii) the eggs were incubated in a hatchery approved by AVA, and where eggs and incubators have been fumigated and disinfected prior to incubation (where applicable);
- (viii) the eggs were cleaned and fumigated and packed into new disposable boxes for export;
- (ix) the eggs have not been inoculated with any microorganisms nor otherwise contaminated with any pathogenic organisms.

**V DECLARATION FROM MASTER/CAPTAIN OF SHIP/AIRCRAFT**

Not required.

**VI QUARANTINE**

Day-olds hatched from the consignment shall be quarantined in an approved area within the farm or premises for at least 4 weeks. Any sick or dead chicks/ducklings etc shall be subject to laboratory examination. The chicks/ducklings etc 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 eggs.

**IX VETERINARY INSPECTION**

On arrival at the port of disembarkation in Singapore, the eggs and documents (Import Licence, Veterinary Health Certificate) shall be presented to and examined by an authorised Veterinary Officer. If the consignment of eggs is found to be clean and fumigated and documents are in order, the eggs shall be released to the importer.



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**X PENALTY**

If the eggs are not clean or have not been fumigated or if any document is not in order, the eggs shall be fumigated at CAPQ and newly hatched quarantined for four (4) weeks or longer/returned 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**

Import Licence for domestic birds - see Fee Schedule: Attachment-2.

**XII OTHER REQUIREMENTS/INFORMATION**

- (i) Eggs 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. 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) Any expenditure incurred in the process of importation shall be borne by the importer.
- (iii) Regulations and fees are subject to change without notice notwithstanding the issuance of a licence by AVA.
- (iv) Domestic birds include domestic fowls, ducks, geese, turkeys, silkies, quails, chukar partridges, and pigeons.
- (v) Hatching-eggs include embryonated- and fertilized- eggs of domestic birds.
- (vi) Importation of endangered species is subject to CITES regulations.
- (vii) Importation of rock pigeons is not allowed.

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