

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

THE ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT (CHAP.7)

**VETERINARY CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF
DAY-OLD CHICKS**

I 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 Competent Authority of exporting country 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) Infection with high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) viruses is a notifiable disease in the country of export;
- (ii) the country has been free from high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) for the past twelve (12) months prior to export¹;

¹ For SFA-accredited countries with HPAI outbreak(s), for resumption of trade, the following condition must be met: the country has been free from HPAI for past 28 days following a stamping out policy in accordance with Article 10.4.6 of WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code.

- (iii) the chicks were hatched from eggs derived from a farm approved for the import of day-old chicks by SFA, 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;
- (iv) the chicks were hatched in a hatchery approved by SFA, and where no eggs from any other farm have been hatched at the same time;
- (v) the chicks were hatched from eggs that have had their surfaces sanitised;
OR
the chicks were derived from parent flocks that were monitored for avian influenza viruses and were found to be negative at the time of collection of the eggs from which the day-old poultry hatched;
- (vi) the chicks were transported in new or appropriately sanitised containers;
- (vii) the chicks are vaccinated using only vaccines approved by the Competent Authority of exporting country.

If parent flocks have been vaccinated against HPAI;

- a) The vaccine used is not a live or live-attenuated vaccine; and
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- (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.

II DECLARATION FROM MASTER/CAPTAIN OF SHIP/AIRCRAFT

Not required.

III 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.

IV APPLICATION FOR IMPORT LICENCE

The importer must have a valid Import Licence that can be submitted through an online application on GoBusiness (<https://gobusiness.gov.sg/licences/>). A Cargo Clearance Permit (CCP) is required for each consignment. The importer is recommended to apply for the CCP on TradeNet 3-5 days prior to the arrival of the animals. The CCP is valid for 14 days.

V 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.

VI 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.

VII PENALTY

All imports must comply fully with the conditions of the Import Licence and Veterinary Conditions, unless prior written approval has been obtained from SFA. Any consignment of animals or related products that do not meet the requirements may be detained, returned to the country of export or destroyed at the discretion of the Director-General, Animal Health and Welfare. In addition, the importer shall be guilty of an offence under the Animals and Birds Act Section 8(1) and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both.

VIII FEES

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

IX 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
- (ii) A licence issued by SFA 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 SFA.
- (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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