



## Ministry of Agriculture GOVERNMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS

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### CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF DAY-OLD CHICKS, HATCHING EGGS, DUCKLINGS AND TURKEY POULTS FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE COOK ISLANDS

1. A Permit to Import day-old chicks/fertile eggs from Australia to the Cook Islands must be obtained from the Director of Biosecurity Service, Ministry of Agriculture.
2. Each consignment must be accompanied by a signed Statutory Declaration from the exporter detailed in Appendix 1 (attached).
3. Each consignment of day-old chicks, turkey poults and other newly hatched avian species or the hatching eggs of same, must be accompanied by the International Animal Health Certificate detailed in Appendix 2, (attached) signed by an Official Veterinarian of the exporting country.
4. Before unloading on arrival, the provisional import license and the documents required in sections 1 and 2 above must be presented to a Biosecurity Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Cook Islands.
5. The day-old chicks must be consigned to the Cook Islands by air only as manifested cargo.
6. The actual date of embarkation and the Airline/Flight number must be advised to the Biosecurity Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Cook Islands. telephone +((682) 28710), fax +(682)21881) or e-mail [moa.biosecurity@cookislands.gov.ck](mailto:moa.biosecurity@cookislands.gov.ck) at the earliest opportunity and at least one working day before shipping.
7. The day-old chicks/hatching eggs must be transported in accordance with the Recommendations for the Transport of Live Animals of the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animal Regulations as appropriate.
8. The day-old chicks/hatching eggs must be transported directly without contact with any avian not of equivalent certified health status, from the port of departure in the exporting country to the port of entry in the Cook Islands. Trans-shipment or offloading is permissible only in New Zealand. In such circumstances the animals must remain in their packages and within the confines of the airport.
9. The day-old chicks/hatching eggs will be inspected and treated as necessary on arrival in the Cook Islands by a Biosecurity Officer and they may not leave the quarantine area of the airport until a Permit to Land has been issued.
10. Any day old chicks/hatching eggs imported into the Cook Islands in contravention of any conditions of the Import Permit (of which these conditions form a part) will be seized and may be destroyed or re-exported at the owner's expense.

11. This Import Permit is valid only for the importation/s specified. Any change in details or circumstances must be notified immediately to the Director Biosecurity Service, who may endorse the Permit to Import accordingly.
12. This Import Permit may be cancelled at any time before shipment should the animal health and quarantine status of the exporting country change.

## **Appendix 1**

**DECLARATION BY EXPORTER OF DAY-OLD CHICKS/HATCHING EGGS  
BEING CONSIGNED TO THE COOK ISLANDS**

I,.....(BLOCK LETTERS),  
Being the exporter of the day-old chicks/hatching eggs described as follows:

Number	Identification	Species
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Total Number:.....

Declare that:

- (a) during the 30 day period immediately preceding the date of export the establishment/hatchery of origin has been free from symptoms of disease.
- (b) That in the case of day-old chicks, they have not come into contact with any avians other than of the same health status.

SIGNATURE:.....DATE:.....  
(Exporter)

ADDRESS: .....  
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**INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR DAY  
OLD CHICKS/HATCHING EGGS FROM AUSTRALIA**

I.....being a full time Government Veterinary Officer of the exporting country hereby certify that:

1. after due enquiry I have no reason to doubt the exporters declaration attached.
2. Australia is:
  - a. free from pathogenic Newcastle disease and avian influenza and vaccination against these diseases is not permitted.
  - b. free from clinical signs of infectious bursal disease (Gumboro disease).
3. That the flock from which the eggs were collected for hatching is:
  - a. inspected by the veterinary authority within three months of export with all relevant health records being examined.
  - b. vaccinated against avian encephalomyelitis, the nature of the vaccines to be stated in the international animal health certificate;
  - c. from establishments and/or hatcheries which are recognised as being free from pullorum-typhoid disease and which have been free from clinical signs of avian infectious bronchitis, avian infectious laryngotracheitis (ILT) and fowl cholera for the previous one year; and  

Come from establishments and/or hatcheries in which vaccination against avian infectious bronchitis is practised on the parent stock, the nature of the vaccine to be stated in the international animal health certificate.
  - d. produced from establishments free from clinical evidence of mycoplasmosis.
4. That the day old chicks were:
  - a. vaccinated against Marek's disease.
  - b. shipped in clean and unused packages.
  - c. for hatching eggs, have been disinfected in accordance with O.I.E. standards, are correctly identified and are shipped in clean and unused packages.

SIGNATURE:..... DATE:.....  
(Veterinary Officer of the Australian Government)

ADDRESS: .....  
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NOTE 1: A separate declaration must be completed for each consignment being exported.

NOTE 2: All pages are to be endorsed with the organisation's official stamp.