

CHAPTER 26

**MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH/OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF
HATCHING EGGS OF POULTRY OTHER THAN RATITES (MODEL “HEP”)**

COUNTRY United States			Animal Health/Official Certificate to the EU			
Part I: Description of Consignment	I.1 Consignor/Exporter Name Address Country ISO country code		I.2 Certificate Reference		I.2a IMSOC Reference	
			I.3 Central Competent Authority		QR CODE	
			I.4 Local Competent Authority			
	I.5 Consignee/Importer Name Address Country ISO country code		I.6 Operator Responsible for the Consignment Name Address Country ISO country code			
	I.7 Country of Origin ISO country code		I.9 Country of Destination		ISO country code	
	I.8 Region of Origin Code		I.10 Region of Destination		Code	
	I.11 Place of Dispatch Name Registration/Approval Number Address Country ISO country code		I.12 Place of Destination Name Registration/Approval Number Address Country ISO country code			
	I.13 Place of Loading		I.14 Date and Time of Departure			
	I.15 Means of Transport <input type="checkbox"/> Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Vessel <input type="checkbox"/> Road vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Railway Identification		I.16 Entry Border Control Post I.17 Accompanying Documents Type Code Country ISO country code Commercial document reference			
	I.18 Transport Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Ambient <input type="checkbox"/> Chilled <input type="checkbox"/> Frozen					
I.19 Container Number/Seal Number Container Number Seal Number						
I.20 Certified As or For <input type="checkbox"/> Germinal products						
I.21 <input type="checkbox"/> For Transit Third country ISO country code		I.22 <input type="checkbox"/> For Internal Market I.23				
I.24 Total Number of Packages		I.25 Total Quantity		I.26 Total Net Weight/Gross Weight (kg)		
I.27 Description of Consignment						
CN code	Species	Subspecies/Category	Identification System	Identification Number	Quantity	

II. Health Information		II.a Certificate Reference	II.b IMSOC Reference	
Part II: Certification	II.1. Public Health Attestation [Delete when the Union is not the final destination of the hatching eggs]			
	I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify, the following as regards the hatching eggs ⁽¹⁾ of poultry other than ratites of the consignment described in Part I:			
	⁽¹⁴⁾ [II.1.1. The <i>Salmonella</i> control programme referred to in Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 and the specific requirements for the use of antimicrobials and vaccines in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1177/2006, have been applied to the parent flock of origin and that parent flock has been tested for <i>Salmonella</i> serotypes of public health significance:			
	Identification of the Flock	Age of the Birds	Date of Last Sampling of the Flock From Which the Testing Result is Known [dd/mm/yyyy]	Result of All Testing in the Flock ⁽¹⁵⁾
				Positive
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	⁽¹⁴⁾ [II.1.2. Neither <i>Salmonella</i> Enteritidis nor <i>Salmonella</i> Typhimurium were detected within the control programme referred to in point II.1.1.]			
	⁽¹⁶⁾ [II.1.3. If the Member State of destination is Finland or Sweden, the hatching eggs come from flocks which have tested negative for <i>Salmonella</i> in accordance with the rules laid down in Commission Decision 2003/644/EC.]			
	II.2. Animal Health Attestation			
I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify, that the hatching eggs ⁽¹⁾ of poultry other than ratites of the consignment described in Part I:				
II.2.1. come from the zone with code __ - _ ⁽²⁾ which, at the date of issue of this animal health/official certificate:				
(a) is authorised and listed in Part 1 of Annex IV to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 for the entry into the Union of hatching eggs of poultry other than ratites;				
(b) carries out a disease surveillance programme for highly pathogenic avian influenza in accordance with Article 105, point (a), of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692;				
(c) is considered free from highly pathogenic avian influenza in accordance with Article 38 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692;				
(d) is considered free from infection with Newcastle disease virus in accordance with Article 39 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692;				
II.2.2. come from the zone referred to in point II.2.1, in which:				
⁽³⁾ either [(a) vaccination against highly pathogenic avian influenza is not carried out;]				
⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾ or [(a) vaccination against highly pathogenic avian influenza is carried out in accordance with a vaccination programme that complies with the requirements set out in Annex XIII to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692;]				
⁽³⁾ either [(b) vaccination against infection with Newcastle disease virus with vaccines which do not comply with both the general and specific criteria of Annex XV to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 is prohibited;]				
⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾ or [(b) vaccination against infection with Newcastle disease virus with vaccines which comply only with the general criteria of Annex XV to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 is not prohibited, and the hatching eggs:				
(i) come from flocks which:				
- have not been vaccinated with such vaccines for at least 12 months prior to the date of loading of the consignment for dispatch to the Union;				
- underwent a virus isolation test ⁽⁶⁾ for infection with Newcastle disease virus carried out on a random sample of cloacal swabs taken from at least 60 birds in each flock, not earlier than 2				

	<p>weeks prior to the date of loading of the consignment for dispatch to the Union, and in which no avian paramyxoviruses with an ICPI of more than 0,4 were found;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - were kept in isolation under official surveillance on the establishment of origin during the last 2 weeks prior to the date of loading of the consignment for dispatch to the Union; - during the last 60 days prior to the date of loading of the consignment for dispatch to the Union, were not in contact with poultry which do not fulfil the conditions referred to in the first and the second indent; <p>(ii) have not been in contact in the hatchery or during transport thereto with poultry or hatching eggs not meeting the requirements referred to in point (i);]</p> <p>II.2.3. come from the establishment, indicated in box I.11:</p> <p>⁽³⁾⁽⁷⁾ either [(a) which is approved by the competent authority of the third country or territory of origin in accordance with requirements which are at least as stringent as those laid down in Article 7 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 and the approval of which has not been suspended or withdrawn at the date of collection of the hatching eggs;]</p> <p>⁽³⁾⁽⁸⁾ or [(a) which is approved by the competent authority of the third country or territory of origin in accordance with requirements which are at least as stringent as those laid down in Article 8 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 and the approval of which has not been suspended or withdrawn at the date of collection of the hatching eggs;]</p> <p>(b) which is under the control of the competent authority of the third country or territory of origin and has a system in place to maintain and to keep records in accordance with Article 8 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692;</p> <p>(c) which receives regular animal health visits from a veterinarian for the purpose of the detection of, and information on, signs indicative the occurrence of diseases, including the listed diseases referred to in Annex I to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 relevant for the species and emerging diseases, at a frequency that is proportional to the risk posed by the establishment;</p> <p>(d) which was not subject to national restriction measures for animal health reasons, including for the listed diseases referred to in Annex I to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 relevant for the species and emerging diseases, at the date of loading of the consignment for dispatch to the Union;</p> <p>(e) within a 10 km radius of which, including, where appropriate, the territory of a neighbouring country, there has been no outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza or infection with Newcastle disease virus for at least 30 days prior to the date of loading of the consignment for dispatch to the Union;</p> <p>II.2.4. come from a flock which:</p> <p>(a) has remained in zone referred to in point II.2.1 for a continuous period of at least 3 months immediately prior to the date of loading of the consignment for dispatch to the Union; and where the flock was introduced into the zone referred to in point II.2.1, that introduction took place under animal health requirements that are at least as stringent as those for the entry into the Union of breeding poultry other than ratites and productive poultry other than ratites laid down in Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692, and from a third country or territory, or zone thereof listed in Part 1, Section B, of Annex V to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 or a Member State;</p> <p>(b) has been kept for a continuous period of at least 6 weeks immediately prior to the date of loading of the consignment for dispatch to the Union in an establishment:</p> <p>(i) in which no confirmed case of infection with low pathogenic avian influenza viruses has been reported for at least 21 days prior to the date of collection of the hatching eggs;</p> <p>(ii) in which:</p> <p>⁽³⁾ either [infection with <i>Salmonella</i> Pullorum, <i>S. Gallinarum</i> or <i>S. arizonae</i> was not confirmed during the last 12 months prior to date of collection of the hatching eggs for dispatch to the Union;]</p> <p>⁽³⁾ or [infection with <i>Salmonella</i> Pullorum, <i>S. Gallinarum</i> or <i>S. arizonae</i> was confirmed during the last 12 months prior to date of collection of the hatching eggs for dispatch to the Union and the measures provided for in Article 107, point (d), of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 have been applied;]</p> <p>(iii) in which:</p> <p>⁽³⁾ either [avian mycoplasmosis (<i>Mycoplasma gallisepticum</i> and <i>M. meleagridis</i>) was not confirmed during the last 12 months prior to date of collection of the hatching eggs for dispatch to the Union;]</p> <p>⁽³⁾ or [avian mycoplasmosis (<i>Mycoplasma gallisepticum</i> and <i>M. meleagridis</i>) was confirmed during the last 12 months prior to date of collection of the hatching eggs for dispatch to the Union and the</p>
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measures provided for in Article 107, point (e), of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 have been applied;]

- ⁽⁷⁾ [(iv) approved by the competent authority of the third country or territory of origin in accordance with requirements which are at least as stringent as those laid down in Article 8 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035;

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Name of Establishment	Address	Approval Number

- (v) the approval of which has not been suspended or withdrawn at the date of collection of the hatching eggs;
- (vi) within a 10 km radius of which, including, where appropriate, the territory of a neighbouring country, there has been no outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza or infection with Newcastle disease virus for at least 30 days prior to the date of loading of the consignment for dispatch to the Union;
- (vii) which is under the control of the competent authority of the third country or territory of origin and has a system in place to maintain and to keep records in accordance with Article 8 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692;
- (viii) which receives regular animal health visits from a veterinarian for the purpose of the detection of, and information on, signs indicative of the occurrence of diseases, including the listed diseases referred to in Annex I to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 relevant for the species and emerging diseases, at a frequency that is proportional to the risk posed by the establishment;
- (ix) which was not subject to national restriction measures for animal health reasons, including for the listed diseases referred to in Annex I to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 relevant for the species and emerging diseases, at the date of loading of the consignment for dispatch to the Union;]

⁽³⁾ *either* [(c) has not been vaccinated against highly pathogenic avian influenza;]

⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾ *or* [(c) has been vaccinated against highly pathogenic avian influenza in accordance with a vaccination programme which complies with the requirements set out in Annex XIII to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692;]

⁽³⁾ *either* [(d) has not been vaccinated against infection with Newcastle disease virus within the last 12 months prior to the date of loading of the consignment for dispatch to the Union;]

⁽³⁾ *or* [(d) has been vaccinated against infection with Newcastle disease virus within the last 12 months prior to the date of loading of the consignment for dispatch to the Union, with vaccines that comply with both the general and specific criteria of Annex XV to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692;

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Identification of the Flock	Age of the Birds	Date of Vaccination	Name and Type of Virus Strain Used	Batch Number of the Vaccine	Name of the Vaccine	Manufacturer of the Vaccine

- (e) underwent a disease surveillance programme that meets the requirements set out in Annex II to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 and was found not to be infected or showed any grounds for suspecting any infection, by the following agents:

⁽³⁾ *either* [*Salmonella Pullorum*, *Salmonella Gallinarum* and *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* (in case of *Gallus gallus*);]

⁽³⁾ *or* [*Salmonella arizonae* (serogroup O:18(k)), *Salmonella Pullorum* and *Salmonella Gallinarum*, *Mycoplasma meleagridis* and *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* (in case of *Meleagris gallopavo*);]

⁽³⁾ *or* [*Salmonella Pullorum* and *Salmonella Gallinarum* (in case of *Numida meleagris*, *Coturnix coturnix*, *Phasianus colchicus*, *Perdix perdix* and *Anas spp*);]

- (f) had no contact with poultry or hatching eggs of a lower health status, or with captive or wild birds for a continuous period of at least 6 weeks immediately prior to the date of loading of the consignment for dispatch to the Union;
- (g) did not show symptoms of transmissible diseases at the date of collection of the hatching eggs;
- (h) had been subjected to:
- ⁽³⁾ *either* [a clinical inspection ⁽¹¹⁾ within the last 72 hours prior to the time of loading of the consignment for dispatch to the Union, and showed no signs indicative of the occurrence of diseases, including the listed diseases referred to in Annex I to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 relevant for the species and emerging diseases;]
- ⁽³⁾ *or* [monthly clinical inspections ⁽¹¹⁾, the most recent carried out within the last 31 days prior to the time of loading of the consignment for dispatch to the Union, for the purpose of the detection of signs indicative of the occurrence of diseases, including the listed diseases referred to in Annex I to Delegated Regulation 2020/692 relevant for the species and emerging diseases and it showed no disease symptoms or grounds for suspecting the presence of any of those diseases based on those clinical inspections, and on an evaluation of its current health status carried out by an official veterinarian in the third country or territory of origin, or zone thereof, within the last 72 hours prior to the time of loading of the consignment for dispatch to the Union, as assessed by up-to-date information supplied by the operator and by documentary checks of the health and production records kept on the establishment, for the purpose of the detection of signs indicative of the occurrence of diseases, including the listed diseases referred to in Annex I to Delegated Regulation 2020/692 relevant for the species and emerging diseases;]
- II.2.5. were:
- ⁽³⁾ *either* [(a) not vaccinated against highly pathogenic avian influenza;]
- ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾ *or* [(a) vaccinated against highly pathogenic avian influenza in accordance with a vaccination programme which complies with the requirements set out in Annex XIII to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692;]
- ⁽³⁾ *either* [(b) not vaccinated against infection with Newcastle disease virus;]
- ⁽³⁾ *or* [(b) vaccinated against infection with Newcastle disease virus with vaccines that comply with the general and specific criteria of Annex XV to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692;]
- (c) marked using colour ink, with a stamp indicating the unique approval number of the establishment of origin;
- (d) disinfected in accordance with the instructions of the competent authority of the third country or territory of origin;
- II.2.6. were collected [on ____/____/____ (dd/mm/yyyy)] ⁽³⁾ [from ____/____/____ (dd/mm/yyyy) to ____/____/____ (dd/mm/yyyy)] ^{(3), (12)}
- II.2.7. are loaded for dispatch to the Union in the containers which:
- (a) are constructed in such a way that the hatching eggs cannot fall out;
- (b) are designed to allow cleaning and disinfection;
- (c) contain only hatching eggs of the same species, category and type coming from the same establishment;
- (d) are closed in accordance with the instructions of the competent authority of the third country or territory of origin to avoid any possibility of substitution of the content;
- (e) are:
- ⁽³⁾ *either* [disposable, clean and used for the first time;]
- ⁽³⁾ *or* [cleaned and disinfected before the date of loading of the consignment for dispatch to the Union in accordance with the instructions of the competent authority of the third country or territory of origin;]
- (f) bear the information set out in Point 5 of Annex XVI to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 relevant for hatching eggs of poultry;
- II.2.8. are loaded for dispatch to the Union in a means of transport which is constructed in accordance with points II.1.7 (a) and (b), and was cleaned and disinfected with a disinfectant authorised by the competent authority of the third country or territory of origin and dried or allowed to dry immediately prior to loading of the consignment for dispatch to the Union;
- ⁽¹³⁾ [II.2.9. are intended for a Member State or zone thereof which has been granted the status free from infection with Newcastle disease virus without vaccination in accordance with Article 66 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689, and:
- (a) have not been vaccinated against infection with Newcastle disease virus;
- (b) come from flocks which:
- ⁽³⁾ *either* [have not been vaccinated against infection with Newcastle disease virus.]
- ⁽³⁾ *or* [have been vaccinated against infection with Newcastle disease virus with an inactivated vaccine.]

⁽³⁾ or [have been vaccinated against infection with Newcastle disease virus with a live vaccine at the latest 60 days prior to the date of collection of the hatching eggs.]]

Notes:

This animal health/official certificate is intended for the entry into the Union of hatching eggs of poultry other than ratites, including when the Union is not the final destination of those germinal products.

In accordance with the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 5(4) of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland in conjunction with Annex 2 to that Protocol, references to the Union in this animal health/official certificate include the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland.

This animal health/official certificate shall be completed in accordance with the notes for the completion of certificates provided for in Chapter 4 of Annex I to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2235.

Part I:

Box reference I.8: Provide the code of the zone as it appears in column 2 of the table in Part 1, Section B, of Annex V to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404.

Box reference I.27: “CN code”: Indicate the appropriate Harmonised System (HS) code(s) of the World Customs Organisation under the following heading: 04.07.

“Category”: Select one of the following: Pure line/grandparents/parents/laying pullets/others.

Part II:

- (1) Hatching eggs as defined in Article 4 of Regulation (EU) 2016/429.
- (2) Code of the zone as it appears in column 2 of the table in Part 1, Section B, of Annex V to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404.
- (3) Delete if not applicable.
- (4) This applies only to the zones in which vaccination against highly pathogenic avian influenza is carried out in accordance with a vaccination programme that complies with the requirements set out in Annex XIII to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692, and which are listed in the table in Part 1, Section B, of Annex V to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 with an entry “A” in column 5 of that table.
- (5) This guarantee is required only for the hatching eggs coming from the zones in which the use of vaccines against infection with Newcastle disease virus which comply only with the general criteria of Annex XV to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 is not prohibited, in accordance with Article 37, point (e)(ii) thereof, and which are listed in the table in Part 1, Section B, of Annex V to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 with an entry “B” in column 5 of that table.
- (6) Tests shall be carried out on samples taken by or under the control of the competent authority of the third country or territory of origin and testing shall be carried out in an official laboratory designated in accordance with Article 37 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625.
- (7) Keep in case the hatching eggs are dispatched from a hatchery.
- (8) Keep in case the hatching eggs are dispatched from the establishment of the flock of origin.
- (9) Indicate the name, address and approval number of the establishment where the flock of origin of the hatching eggs was kept during the 6 weeks immediately prior to the date of loading of the hatching eggs for dispatch to the Union.
- (10) To be completed when the birds were vaccinated against infection with Newcastle disease virus.
- (11) The clinical inspection must have been carried out by an official veterinarian of the third country or territory of origin, or zone thereof.
- (12) The date(s) of collection shall not be prior to the date of authorisation of the zone for the entry into the Union, or a date in a period when restriction measures have been adopted by the Union in relation to the entry into the Union of those hatching eggs from that zone.
- (13) This guarantee is required only for the consignments intended for a Member State or zones thereof which has been granted the status free from infection with Newcastle disease virus without vaccination in accordance with Article 66 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689.
- (14) This guarantee applies only for the hatching eggs belonging to the species of *Gallus gallus* and turkeys.
- (15) If any of the results were positive for the following serotypes during the life of the parent flock, indicate as positive: *Salmonella* Hadar, *Salmonella* Virchow and *Salmonella* Infantis.
- (16) Delete if the consignment is not intended for Finland or Sweden.

Official Veterinarian

Name (In Capital Letters)

Qualification and Title

Date

Signature

Stamp