

VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

I, a veterinarian authorised thereto

by the Veterinary Authority of hereby certify that-

1. The exporting country is free from highly pathogenic notifiable avian influenza (H5 and H7), according to the OIE Code, based either
 - where no cases have been recorded for the preceding 12 months as determined by serosurveillance **OR**
 - have freedom for 3 months after the successful control and disinfection after an outbreak in a country which has been previously free (*Delete as applicable*)
2. The birds described hereunder-
 - a) were exported from premises that are approved for export by the veterinary authority of the exporting country;
 - b) were exported from premises which is free from veterinary restrictions affecting birds;
 - c) were exported from premises where: within a radius of 30 km, no cases of low pathogenic notifiable avian influenza was reported during the previous 6 months, and no notifiable diseases of birds, including Newcastle disease, have been reported within the preceding three months;
 - d) were kept in pre-export isolation since hatching or for at least the 30 days immediately prior to export and an all-in-all-out principle was applied;
 - e) were individually identified by means of closed leg rings or microchips at the onset of isolation and prior to sample collection;
 - f) were tested and found negative for Notifiable Avian Influenza (H5 and H7) within the 30 days prior to export; (see notes hereunder for details of testing requirements)
 - g) were not vaccinated against avian influenza and has no prior known history of positive serological results for avian influenza;
 - h) were examined immediately prior to shipment and found to be clinically healthy and free of external parasites and are fit to travel.
 - i) In the case of psittacines was/were tested at a Government approved laboratory in..... and found negative on PCR for Chlamydophila psittaci by pooled faecal samples taken over a period of 3 consecutive days, within the 30 days prior to export and while in pre-export isolation. Samples may be pooled with a maximum of 5 samples per pool.
4. To the best of my knowledge the birds were in this country for a minimum period of three months.
5. Description of the birds (please provide a complete list of the ring numbers of all the birds in the consignment)

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6. Details of testing done for H5 and H7 avian influenza and Chlamydophila psittaci please to be given in the following format. A copy of the test results must also please be attached.

BIRD SPECIES(Common and specific names)	NUMBER OF BIRDS	RING OR MICROCHIP NUMBER/S	TEST DATE	TEST RESULT

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Official Veterinarian

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Date

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Official stamp

Notes on testing for notifiable avian influenza

- i) Following individual identification, samples must be collected for testing for NAI (H5 and H7), with negative results, according to one of the following methods:
 - a) Agent identification by means of tracheal or cloacal swabs taken from live birds, or faeces and pooled organ samples from dead birds, subjected to virus isolation, PCR or NASBA tests; or
 - b) Serologically by testing serum by AGID, HI or ELISA tests
- ii) Samples must be collected within the 30 days immediately prior to export
- iii) In the case of waterfowl, all birds to be exported must be tested individually. In the case of birds other than waterfowl, the following table should be used to determine the number of birds to be tested per epidemiological unit:

Size of the epidemiological group	No. of birds to be sampled	
	For serology	For agent identification
≤ 10	10	10
≤ 20	16	20
≤ 50	22	44
≤ 100	25	50
≤ 200	27	54
≤ 900	28	56
> 900	29	58

- iv) Birds may not have been vaccinated against H5 and/or H7 strains of Avian Influenza and positive serology will not be accepted.