

DRAFT VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORT OF EGGS AND EGG PRODUCTS (POULTRY) INTO INDIA

I. General Information

1. Veterinary Health certificate No: Date:	2. Competent Authority 2.1 Ministry: 2.2 Department: 2.3 Contact Details and Email:				
3. Name of the product: 3.1 Date of Manufacturing/packaging: 3.2 Best before (if applicable): 3.3 Date of expiry: 3.4 Temperature of the product:	4. Quantity with details: 4.1 Invoice No. and Date: 4.2 Type of packaging: 4.3 No. of packages: 4.4 Net weight: 4.5 Lot no./Batch No: 4.6 Seal No: 4.7 Identification of Container:				
5. Consignor / exporter Name: Address: Tel. no. and Email:					
6. Consignee /importer: Name: Address: Tel. no. and Email:					
7. Country of origin:	ISO Code:				
8. Place of loading:					
9. Country of Destination:	ISO Code:				
10. Declared Port of Entry					
11. Mode of Transport:					
12. Identification of the product as described below:					
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II. Sanitary Information

The undersigned official veterinarian certifies that the product (poultry eggs and egg product) described above satisfies the following requirements: -

- i. The eggs are obtained from the source birds which have been kept in Avian Influenza and New Castle Disease (NDV) free country, zone or compartment since they were hatched. *(The country freedom shall be as per WOAHA listing and the name with detail of the free zone or compartment shall be approved and listed under WOAHA)*

Note: In case of compartment/zone, the name, approval/registration number with validity shall be mentioned in the Official Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) and the approval/registration certificate with surveillance and biosecurity protocol shall be attached with VHC.

- ii. The eggs are obtained from the live and officially certified healthy source birds originated from the officially approved compartments which did not show any clinical sign and symptoms of any infectious/contagious diseases related to the source bird species including Avian Influenza, NDV, Infectious bronchitis, Infectious Laryngotracheitis, Mycoplasmosis, Salmonellosis, Fowl Typhoid and Pullorum Disease, Infectious bursal Disease.
- iii. The eggs came from the source birds which have not been kept in the infected zone and establishment for the diseases related to source bird species.
- iv. The source birds have never been fed with feeds produced by containing materials of internal organs, blood meal and tissues originated from cows and their progenies (except milk and milk products).
- v. The eggs and egg product come from an establishment which are free from avian mycoplasmosis and which comply with Article 10.5.5 (TAHC) and the biosecurity procedures referred to in Chapter 6.5 and Article 10.7.3 and Article 10.7.4 of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of TAHC.
- vi. The establishment of production of egg and egg product is having the system of monitoring of the quantities and usage patterns of antimicrobial agents used in birds as per Chapter 6.9 of WOAHA TAHC.
- vii. The establishment of production of egg and egg product is having the procedure for prevention, detection and control of salmonella in poultry as per Chapter 6.6 of TAHC.
- viii. At the time of the collection the eggs have had their surfaces sanitized in accordance with Chapter 6.5 of the WOAHA Terrestrial Animal Health Code and adequate precautions were taken after collection, processing and during transit to avoid contact and contamination of product with any potential source of infection. The product is packed in new, fresh, clean packing material and the materials are not exposed to any products with potential source of infectious materials.

- ix. The egg products has been processed to ensure the destruction of Avian Influenza virus by following time/temperature combinations as per WOAHA Article 10.4.23:

Products	Core temperature (°C)	Time
Whole egg	60.0	188 seconds
Whole egg blends	60.0	188 seconds
Whole egg blends	61.1	94 seconds
Liquid egg white	55.6	870 seconds
Liquid egg white	56.7	232 seconds
Plain or pure egg yolk	60.0	288 seconds
10% salted yolk	62.2	138 seconds
Dried egg white	67.0	20 hours
Dried egg white	54.4	50.4 hours
Dried egg white	51.7	73.2 hours

These time/temperature combinations are indicative of a range that achieves a 7-log₁₀ reduction of avian influenza virus infectivity. These are examples for a variety of egg products but, when supported by scientific evidence, variations of these time/temperature combinations may be used, and they may be used for other egg products, if they achieve equivalent inactivation of the virus.

- x. The egg products has been processed to ensure the destruction of NDV virus by following time/temperature combinations as per WOAHA Article 10.9.20:

Products	Core temperature (°C)	Time
Whole egg	55	2,521 seconds
Whole egg	57	1,596 seconds
Whole egg	59	674 seconds
Liquid egg white	55	2,278 seconds
Liquid egg white	57	986 seconds
Liquid egg white	59	301 seconds
10% salted yolk	55	176 seconds
Dried egg white	57	50.4 hours

The listed temperatures are indicative of a range that achieves a 7-log kill. Where scientifically documented, variances from these times and temperatures may also be suitable when they achieve the inactivation of the virus.

- xi. The egg and egg product does not contain drug/ antibiotics / mycotoxins / pesticides/ heavy metal residues etc., above the limits prescribed by the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Regulations, 2011, India.
- xii. The product complies with the standards including microbiological requirements as specified under the Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 (India).

- xiii. The egg product contains only those food additives as specified under Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 within the limits specified.
- xiv. The entire consignment is prepared, packed, held in an Avian Influenza and NDV free country, zone or compartment and transported prior to export under good hygienic practice and an effective food safety control system, implemented within the context of HACCP systems where appropriate and in accordance with the requirements specified in Schedule 4, as applicable, of the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011 (India) and such other guidelines as specified from time to time under the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.
- xv. Adequate precautions were taken after collection, processing and during transit to avoid contact and contamination of product with any potential source of infection related to source poultry. The product is packed in new, fresh, clean packing material and the materials are not exposed to any products with potential source of infectious materials. The packaging material used shall be in accordance with the FSS (Packaging) regulation, 2018 (India)

Official stamp:

Signature_____

Official Veterinarian	
Name:	Designation:
Address, Telephone and Email:	
Date:	

Post import clearance requirements:

1. On arrival in India the consignment and the documents will be examined by Animal Quarantine and Certification Services. Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), Government of India.
2. The samples shall be taken for testing of Avian Influenza and NDV by ICAR-NIHSAD in case imported from Avian Influenza and NDV infected country.
3. In case the documents are not conforming to the requirements and the product is not as per protocol or tested positive for any disease, appropriate action shall be taken by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India at the cost of importing agency as per the notification no. S.O. 2666 (E) dated 16.10.2014.
4. The disposal, if any shall be as per Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules.
5. Eggs would be used for the intended purpose only.

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