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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF CHILE FOR DAY-OLD CHICKS AND HATCHING EGGS EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

Day-old chicks and hatching eggs must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate (VS Form 17-6, Certificate for Poultry and Hatching Eggs for Export), issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and consignee, the means of transportation complete identification of the shipment, quantity, species, breed and crates. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The [United States] [state of origin] is free of fowl plague (highly pathogenic avian influenza) and velogenic viscerotropic Newcastle disease (VVND).

2. The farm/flock of origin:

2.1 is free of diseases caused by *Salmonella gallinarum*, *S. pullorum*, *S. typhimurium*, and *S. enteritidis*.

2.2 is entitled by Servicio Agrícola y Ganadero of Chile to export to Chile according to Resolution 3138, and it is a participant in the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) that is the officially Federal-state-industry program.

2.3 is free of other strains of avian influenza (LPAI).

2.4 must be tested for avian influenza by a random serological sampling of 62 samples, collected from the sheds in the farm contributing to the shipment, using the agar gel immunodiffusion test with negative results within 30 days prior to shipment of chicks or hatching eggs. In the case of birds of the Anseriform family, samples will be obtained by cloacal swabs that will be tested by culture and virus isolation or PCR with negative results.

2.5 during the 180 days prior to exportation, has had no clinical evidence of mycoplasmosis (*Mycoplasma gallisepticum* and *M. synoviae*), fowl cholera, colibacillosis, infectious coryza, adenovirus, egg-drop syndrome, avian encephalitis, infectious bronchitis, laryngotracheitis, avian pox, Marek's disease, avian leukosis, Gumboro disease, reovirus, and inclusion body hepatitis.

3. The chicks:
 - 3.1 were not treated with products to inhibit microbial growth.
 - 3.2 showed no evidence of infectious diseases at the time of exportation.
4. All packages must be clearly stamped and labeled, indicating the country and farm of origin, identity, and quantity of merchandise.
5. Shipment must be made in clean and sanitary containers and vehicles.
6. The chicks must be accompanied by a health certificate, endorsed by the Federal Veterinary Services of the country of origin.
7. Upon arrival:
 - 7.1 hatching eggs must be placed in hatcheries approved by the veterinary authorities of Chile.
 - 7.2 day old chicks and chicks hatched after arrival will be quarantined for 30 days and subject to any restrictions and examinations which the veterinary authorities may deem as necessary.

OTHER INFORMATION

The applicable or additional certification statements should be attached as an addendum to VS Form 17-6, Certificate for Poultry and Hatching Eggs for Export.