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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FOR RATITE DAY-OLD CHICKS AND HATCHING EGGS FROM THE UNITED STATES

Ratite hatching eggs must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate 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 both the consignor and consignee (including the name of the breeding establishment) and complete identification of the ratite hatching eggs and day-old chicks to be exported.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States has been free of fowl plague (highly pathogenic avian influenza) and Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever for at least 2 years and 1 year, respectively, and a stamping-out policy against fowl plague is practiced in the United States.

2. No cases of velogenic Newcastle disease have been reported on the premises of origin as well as an area of 10 km radius of ratites, day-old-chicks, and hatching eggs during the last 12 months.

3. The day-old chicks or hatching eggs have been produced from birds hatched and raised in the United States or have been in the United States for at least 6 months.

4. The hatching eggs and day-old chicks originated from establishments that are routinely inspected by USDA accredited veterinarians.

5. The breeding establishments of day-old chicks and hatching eggs have been free of any clinical, serological or pathological evidence of the following diseases for at least 12 months prior to export: avian tuberculosis, infectious bursal disease, fowl pox, Salmonella enteritidis, S. pullorum, S. typhimurium, S. gallinarum, Psittacosis, Mycoplasma gallisepticum, avian malaria, eastern and western equine encephalomyelitis, and baylisascariasis.

6. The breeding flocks from which the hatching eggs originated were isolated for 42 days in a safe facility prior to initiation of collection of the hatching eggs to the completion of the collection. During this period the breeding flock was inspected by the accredited veterinarian and found to be free from clinical evidence of communicable poultry diseases. (This certification is only required for hatching eggs.)

7. The hatching eggs were disinfected with U.S. Government-approved disinfectants (name and dilution of the disinfectant must be shown on the health certificate).

8. The breeding flocks from which day-old chicks and the hatching eggs originated (both male and female lines) were negative to the tests (as required under test requirements) prior to the export of day-old chicks or within 30 days prior to initiation of collection of the eggs. The tests were conducted in at least 10% of the breeding flock or at least 30 birds. If the breeding flock was less than 30 birds, all of them were tested. In this shipment _____ birds were tested.
(Number of birds)

*9. The breeding flock of day-old chicks have not been vaccinated or have been vaccinated for _____ with _____.
(Name of disease) (Name of products)

10. The boxes used for the transportation of day-old chicks and hatching eggs were clean and not used previously. The stowage area of the truck and aircraft will be disinfected in advance using effective disinfectants approved by the United States Government.

11. The export day-old chicks or hatching eggs will be segregated and loaded without coming in contact with other poultry or poultry products during the transportaton from the isolation facility to the port of embarkation and from the port of embarkation to the Republic of Korea.

Test Requirements

1. Newcastle disease: HI test

2. Avian influenza: HI or agar-gel immunodiffusion (AGID) test

3. Infectious bursal disease: AGID test

4. Mycoplasma gallisepticum: Rapid serum agglutination test or HI test

5. Salmonella enteritidis, S. typhimurium: fecal culture

6. Salmonella pullorum, S. gallinarum: fecal culture and negative serologic test

Note: Please include the number of birds tested, date of sampling, date of testing, name of laboratory, method and test results.

*Delete which is not applicable.