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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA FOR
POULTRY AND HATCHING EGGS EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The poultry and 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 veterinarian. The certification shall contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee, complete identification of the shipment, test results, and certification statements to be in conformity with the protocol of the People's Republic of China as follows:

1. USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), shall be responsible for the implementation of quarantine procedures and the issuance of certificates.
2. The Chinese side shall send veterinarians to the U.S. farms of export poultry and hatching eggs, related isolation premises, testing laboratories, and quarantine facilities to cooperate with U.S. veterinarians in making the inspection and quarantines.
3. The poultry to be exported shall be examined within 24 hours of export and found to be healthy and free of signs of infectious and contagious diseases. It is understood that the certification in this item for day-old poultry is based on the examination of the parent flock, approval of the hatchery, and when the chicks are prepared for shipment, they are determined to be healthy and free of physical defects by the hatchery employees.
4. The United States of America officially confirms that commercial poultry flocks are free from highly pathogenic Avian Influenza, viscerotropic velogenic Newcastle disease, and plague of gosling.
5. The export poultry (including day-old birds) and eggs for hatching shall originate from such breeding poultry farms which were free of signs of avian leukosis and other infectious and contagious diseases during the past 12 months. There has been no clinical evidence of infectious or contagious poultry diseases on adjacent farms during the past 12 months.
6. Thirty days before export, the adult poultry shall be quarantined in cleaned and disinfected cages for inspection. The following tests, corresponding to different species, shall be conducted on samples drawn at a rate of 1 percent, not less than 300 samples with negative results in all cases.

Thirty days immediately preceding the date of embarkation (for day-old poultry, 30 days prior to onset of incubation), the parent flock or flocks from which the hatching eggs (including day-old poultry and adult poultry) originate, shall be

subjected to the following tests on samples drawn at a rate of 1 percent, not less than 300 birds with negative results in all cases.

6.1 Chickens:

6.1.1 Pullorum and fowl typhoid disease: Whole blood or serum plate agglutination tests.

6.1.2 Chronic respiratory disease: Serum plate agglutination test for *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*.

6.1.3 Infectious bursal disease: Agar-gel immunodiffusion (AGID) test. No test required if vaccinated; the date of vaccination, type of vaccine, dosage, and manufacturer shall be provided on the health certificate.

6.1.4 Marek's disease: AGID test. No test required if vaccinated; the date of vaccination, type of vaccine, dosage, and manufacturer shall be provided on the health certificate.

6.1.5 Newcastle disease: Hemagglutination inhibition test. No test required if vaccinated. The date of vaccination, type of vaccine, dosage, and manufacturer shall be provided on the health certificate.

6.1.6 Infectious Bronchitis: Hemagglutination inhibition test. No test required if vaccinated. The date of vaccination, type of vaccine, dosage, and manufacturer shall be provided on the health certificate.

6.1.7. Infectious Viral Arthritis:

A. The breeding poultry and the parent flock of hatching eggs for export shall be vaccinated. The vaccination date, type of vaccine, dosage, and manufacturer shall be indicated on the health certificate.

B. The chickens for export will be tested in the PRC using the AGID test within 10 days after arriving at the Chinese port (a result of more than 20 percent positive is required).

C. If deemed necessary, virus isolation will be attempted from the chickens or eggs during the quarantine in China.

6.2 Turkeys:

6.2.1 Pullorum disease and fowl typhoid: Serum plate or tube agglutination test.

6.2.2 Newcastle disease: HI test. No test required if vaccinated. The date of vaccination, type of vaccine, dosage, and manufacturer shall be provided on the health certificate.

6.2.3 Chronic respiratory disease: Serum plate agglutination test for *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*.

6.2.4 Psittacosis: Complement-fixation test negative if shipping live turkeys. No flock requirement if shipping hatching eggs.

6.2.5 Corona virus enteritis of turkeys: Indirect fluorescent antibody test, 25 samples per flock if shipping live turkeys. No flock test required if shipping hatching eggs.

6.2.6 *Mycoplasma meleagridis* infection: Tube agglutination test or HI test.

6.2.7 *Mycoplasma synoviae* infection: Tube agglutination test or HI test.

6.3 Ducks:

6.3.1 Duck plague: Serum neutralization test; no test required if vaccinated. The date of vaccination, type of vaccine, dosage and manufacturer shall be provided on the health certificate.

6.3.2 Duck viral hepatitis: Chick embryo neutralization test.

6.3.3 Psittacosis: Complement-fixation test if shipping live ducks. No flock requirement if shipping hatching eggs.

6.4 Geese:

6.4.1 Duck plague: Serum neutralization test.

6.4.2 Psittacosis: Complement-fixation test negative if shipping live geese. No flock requirement if shipping hatching eggs.

6.5 Birds:

6.5.1 Psittacosis: Negative cell culture or chick embryo isolation from cloacal swab.

6.5.2 Newcastle disease: Observation for clinical signs and cloacal swab for virus isolation.

7. Day-old chicks and hatching eggs must meet the following requirements in addition of requirements specified in item #6:
 1. During the last twelve (12) months prior to export, there have been no outbreaks of Avian Influenza(AI) reported on the farm of origin or on any other farm within a radius of 20 km, and the farm of origin maintains an effective biosecurity program and,
 2. During the last twelve(12) months prior to export, thirty(30) serum samples obtained from the farm of origin shall be tested for antibodies to avian influenza using AGID test with negative results at intervals of three (3) months **OR** 30 days immediately preceding the date of embarkation (for day old poultry, 30 days prior to onset of incubation) the parent flocks or flocks from which the hatching eggs originate shall be tested for avian influenza using AGID test at a rate of 1%, not less than 300 birds, with negative results in all cases.
 3. The tests for monitoring the flock of origin shall be conducted in a USDA-approved laboratory.
8. The poultry and hatching eggs to be exported shall be kept isolated from other poultry not intended for export to China.
9. Any poultry that died in the preembarkation quarantine period shall be submitted to an official laboratory for necropsy and laboratory examination with a certificate recording the detail of results.
10. Before packing for embarkation, the eggs to be exported shall be externally disinfected with effective disinfectant under the supervision of a veterinary officer accredited by the USDA.
11. The poultry, except day-old poultry, to be exported shall be treated against internal and external parasites (including coccidia) with effective parasiticides under the supervision of a veterinary officer accredited by the USDA.

12. All the cages, crates, vehicles, and parts of cargo areas in ships or planes to be used for transportation of the poultry and eggs to China shall be cleaned and disinfected with USDA-approved disinfectant.
13. The parent flock or flocks of the export poultry and hatching eggs from the same farm of origin shall have their own records in detail with regard to clinical diagnosis, testing methods and results, and health status.
14. During the preembarkation quarantine period and the transportation from the preembarkation quarantine facilities to the port of shipment and through to the Chinese port of entry, the exported poultry and hatching eggs shall not pass through serious epizootic disease-infected areas, nor shall they have any contact with animals not of the same consignment. Should any poultry die during the transportation, the carcass shall be forwarded to the Chinese Quarantine Services stationed at port for examination immediately after arrival at the Chinese port of entry.
15. Feeds and bedding to be used during the preembarkation quarantine and the transportation shall not originate from epizootic disease-infected areas and meet the veterinary hygienic requirements.
16. This agreement may be revised at any time by mutual consent of the two Governments and may be canceled upon 6 months prior notification of either party.

EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate (not required for hatching eggs or day-old poultry), the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.