

Under Article 34.2 of *Act on the Prevention of Contagious Animal Diseases*, MAFRA intends to revise the import health requirements for birds other than poultry as follows.

Import Health Requirements for Birds other than Poultry

MAFRA Notice No.2016-000 (Day Month 2016)

Article 1 (Objective) The objective of this notice is to stipulate necessary conditions such as quarantine and animal disease-free situation in the exporting country with regards to birds other than poultry imported to the Republic of Korea in accordance with Article 34.2 of *Act on the Prevention of Contagious Animal Diseases*.

Article 2 (Definition) The meaning of the terminology used in this notice are as follows.

1. “Pet birds” refer to birds other than poultry stipulated in *Act on the Prevention of Contagious Animal Diseases* which a traveler brings with him/her on entering the Republic of Korea
2. “Commercial birds” refer to birds other than poultry stipulated in *Act on the Prevention of Contagious Animal Diseases* which is imported to the Republic of Korea by freight using a shipping company, air shipping company or road transportation company.
3. “The government of the exporting country” refers to the quarantine authority for animal of the exporting country.
4. A “veterinary officer of the exporting country” refers to a quarantine officer who serves as ~~the~~ a government veterinarian of the exporting country.
5. “Highly pathogenic avian influenza” refers to a poultry disease that is classified as highly pathogenic in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the OIE among the infections caused by influenza A viruses.

Article 3 (Condition for hatching and breeding) ① The pet birds or commercial birds to be exported to the Republic of Korea (hereinafter referred to as “the birds for export”) must have been hatched and raised within the exporting country or have been raised within the exporting country for 30 days prior to export.

② If the pet birds meet the requirements of Article 5.1, Article 3.1 can be exempted.

Article 4 (Condition for being free of livestock diseases) The exporting country must ~~be~~ have been free of highly pathogenic avian influenza for 1 year prior to the export of poultry. However, in case the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs of the Republic of Korea recognizes that the exporting country is implementing stamping-out policy effectively, the period may be shortened in accordance with the OIE regulations.

Article 5 (Export quarantine) ① The pet birds shall have undergone a clinical examination by a veterinary officer of the government of the exporting country on the day of shipment and have been found free of any clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease of poultry.

② The commercial birds must have been isolated in a quarantine facility approved by the government of the exporting country for at least 21 days prior to export. It shall have undergone a clinical examination by a veterinary officer of the government of the exporting country on the day of shipment and have been found free of any clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease of poultry.

Article 6 (Notification of disease outbreak) The government of the exporting country must immediately suspend the shipping of birds to the Republic of Korea when there is an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza and must notify the information to the government of the Republic of Korea.

Article 7 (Statement subject of health certificate) A veterinary officer of the exporting country must issue an export health certificate that describes minutely the following in Korean or in English prior to the shipping of the birds for export

- (1) Statements specified in above Articles 3, 4 and 5
- (2) Breed and number of the birds for export
- (3) Name of vessel or aircraft, date and place of shipment
- (4) Name and address of exporter and importer (company)
- (5) Name and address of export quarantine facility in accordance with Article 3 (if necessary)
- (6) Reference number of import health certificate, date and place of issue, title, name, and signature of issuing government veterinarian.

Article 8 (Disinfection of boxes/containers) The boxes/containers for transportation of the birds for export must have not been used previously and clean, and must be disinfected in advance with an effective disinfectant approved by the government of exporting country.

Article 9 (Transportation) During transportation within the exporting country and into the Republic of Korea, the birds for export must not be in contact with any other poultry, day-old chicks, birds or their products with lower health status. It must be transported in such a manner that will prevent contamination by any pathogens of infectious or contagious poultry diseases. It must not pass through areas where the Republic of Korea has not permitted the import of poultry, etc. during transportation the Republic of Korea. However, simple stopover at port (airport) or fuel, etc., will be an exception

Article 10 (Failure to pass inspection, etc.) During the import quarantine inspection of birds by the government of the Republic of Korea, if any non-compliance with this notice or any notifiable infectious or contagious disease of poultry is detected, the entire lot of the concerned birds may be sent back to their place of origin or be destroyed.

Article 12 (Review deadline) The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs must review the validity of this notice and take actions such as making improvement with a three-year interval starting from January 1st of 2017 (meaning until December 31st of the third year) in accordance with the *Regulation on Issuance and Management of Instructions and Rules*.

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Article 1 (Enforcement date) This notice will go into effect on the date of its notification.

Article 2 (Interim measures) The health certificate form agreed by the exporting country in accordance with the "Import Health Requirements for Poultry (MAFRA Notice No. 2013-195, Oct. 7, 2013)" at the time of enforcement of this notification shall remain valid until an agreement is reached on a revised certificate form in accordance with this notice.