



## Appendix 1: Health certificate 1 (Approval of pre-export quarantine facilities)

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### Health Certificate 1

This certificate must accompany the consignment on arrival in Australia, and be signed and dated by a government approved veterinarian.

### Approval of pre-export quarantine facilities for live pigeons

Name of Premises:	Name of person responsible:
Address of Premises:	Contact details: Phone: Fax: Email:

I,..... (name), being a veterinarian approved by the government of .....  
(exporting country), inspected the premises above and found it to be:

- dedicated solely to the purpose of the quarantine of the consignment of birds for the 55 days immediately prior to their export to Australia.
- a discrete, insect-proof secure unit physically isolated from any premises containing birds and constructed in such a way that there is no possibility of contact between birds in quarantine and other birds or animals or bird or animal products.
- run on an all-in-all-out basis for the entire duration from commencement of pre-export quarantine to export, excepting that birds may be removed upon direction from the Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources or if they demonstrate clinical signs of chlamydophilosis. If birds are removed, they must not have any further contact with the remaining birds in pre-export quarantine.
- be de-populated, thoroughly cleaned and disinfected to comply with standards to eliminate Newcastle Disease virus, before commencement of pre-export quarantine.
- constructed so that all buildings containing feed and feeding equipment, flooring and or bedding materials, or any other equipment which may come into contact with the birds, are adequately bird-proofed and vermin-proofed.

- constructed so that all water supplies to the facility are secure against contamination by wild birds.
- operated so that all equipment used is either new or has been sterilised or disinfected prior to use.
- operated so that all staff at the centre during a quarantine period should have no contact with other birds, including any birds removed during the quarantine period.
- operated so that all matters relating to the health, disease testing and quarantine of the birds will be the control and direct supervision of myself who will provide the prescribed health certification.

I hereby certify that this premises meets the requirements for pre-export quarantine facilities for preparation of pigeons for Australia.

I certify that this consignment began pre-export quarantine in this premises on

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Signature:.....

Printed Name: .....

Date of Approval:.....

Email and contact number: .....

## Appendix 2: Health certificate 2 (Owner's declaration)

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### Health Certificate 2

This certificate must accompany the consignment on arrival in Australia. The certificate must be signed and dated by both a government approved veterinarian and the owner or manager of the birds in this consignment. Multiple certificates may be required depending on the source of the birds making up the consignment.

### Owner's/aviary manager's declaration

I..... (name), being the owner or the manager, of the birds described in this document, declare that:

1. Each bird to which this declaration applies has been clearly identified with an implanted microchip (preferably implanted in pectoral muscle) and a permanent closed leg band and a full description of the bird is attached with the following details.

Pre-export quarantine (PEQ) start date:	PEQ Premises:	Total number of birds in PEQ:
<b>Microchip and leg band #</b>	<b>Breed</b>	<b>ID Checked by Government Approved Veterinarian Y/N</b>
Name of Government Approved Veterinarian:	Signature of Government Approved Veterinarian:	Date:

2. Each bird has been captive bred, and has been continuously resident in the source flock either since hatching, or during the six month period immediately prior to entry to the pre-export quarantine facility. During this six-month period the flock has been housed in the aviary/loft located at:

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3. No birds selected for export have been raced, or exhibited, during the 21 days immediately prior to the birds entering pre-export quarantine.

4. No birds selected for export were treated with antibiotics during the six-week period immediately prior to the birds entering pre-export quarantine. Details of any other medications/ treatments administered during this period are attached.

5. No birds have been added into pre-export quarantine since the commencement of pre-export quarantine.

6. If, for any reason, pre-export quarantine was re-commenced at a later date, the pre-export quarantine facility was de-populated, cleaned and disinfected to comply with standards to eliminate Newcastle Disease virus before the new consignment began pre-export quarantine.

7. To the best of my knowledge and belief,

EITHER

a) All cases of disease or ill-thrift occurring in the source flock(s) and any other premises managed, owned or operated by the same company, group or individual, during the six week period immediately preceding the entry of the birds into the approved pre-export quarantine facility, have been subjected to veterinary investigation. A list of diagnoses and treatments applied is attached to this certificate. \*

OR

b) No cases of disease or ill-thrift have occurred in the source flock(s), or any other premises managed, owned or operated by the same company, group or individual, during the six week period immediately preceding the entry of the birds into the approved pre-export quarantine facility. \*

\* Delete if not applicable.

8. No birds for export have been vaccinated against avian influenza. Vaccination carried out against other diseases is as follows:

Disease	Date(s) of Vaccination	Type of Vaccine

Signature.....Date.....

Owner/Manager

Name.....

Address.....

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I have explained the contents of this Declaration to the Owner/Manager. I have witnessed the above signature, and after due enquiry, I have no reason to doubt the truth of this declaration.

Signature.....Date.....

Government Approved Veterinarian

Name.....

Address.....

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Email and contact number .....

NOTE: All pages, including the attached Schedules, are to be endorsed with the Official Stamp.

Copies of Health Certificates 1 & 2 must be forwarded to the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources within 7 days following entry into pre-export quarantine.

## Appendix 3: Health certificate 3 (Health certificate)

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### Certificate 3

This certificate must accompany the consignment on arrival in Australia, and be signed and dated by a government approved veterinarian.

### Health certificate

I..... (name), being a Government Approved Veterinarian\*, certify in relation to the birds listed in the Schedule attached to the accompanying Owner's/Manager's Declaration that:

[\* A Government Approved Veterinarian is either a civil service veterinarian or a specially appointed veterinarian, as authorised by the Veterinary Administration of the exporting country.]

a) After due enquiry, I am satisfied, that during the 21 days prior to the entry of the birds into pre-export quarantine, that clinical:

- Newcastle disease
- Pigeon paramyxovirus type 1 infection
- avian influenza

have not been diagnosed:

- in any of the source flocks, or
- on any premises managed, owned or operated by the same company, group or individual as any of the source flocks, or
- on the pre-export quarantine facility, or
- within 40 kms of any of these properties.

b) After due enquiry, I am satisfied that all cases of disease or ill-thrift occurring in the source flock(s) and any other premises managed, owned or operated by the same company, group or individual, during the six week period immediately preceding the entry of the birds into the approved pre-export quarantine facility, have been subjected to veterinary investigation. I have no reason to doubt the accuracy or completeness of the list of diagnoses and treatments applied, as attached to the Owner's/Aviary Manager's Declaration relevant to this consignment.

d) EITHER

No bird in the pre-export quarantine facility showed any clinical sign of infection with chlamydophilosis during the pre-export quarantine period.

OR

A bird or birds in the pre-export quarantine facility showed clinical signs of infection with chlamydophilosis during the pre-export quarantine period. Such birds were tested for the presence of *Chlamydophila psittaci* by direct isolation by egg inoculation or approved cell culture techniques and/or ELISA antigen capture technique of cloacal swabs or a validated faecal PCR test. Birds showing positive results for the presence of *C. psittaci* were removed from the consignment.

e) Before the birds entered the approved pre-export quarantine facility, the facility was cleaned and disinfected to comply with standards required to eliminate Newcastle disease virus.

f) I examined each bird for export within 48 hours prior to its entering the pre-export quarantine facility. All birds were found to be free from evidence of infectious or contagious disease and external parasites.

g) The birds listed in the schedule attached to the Owner's/Aviary Manager's Declaration have been maintained for a period of at least 55 days in the pre-export quarantine facility. During this period, there have been no birds in the facility other than the birds assembled for this consignment, and the facility met at all times the conditions for approval specified in Certificate 1 of this permit.

h)

During the pre-export quarantine period, each bird for export was observed regularly by me for evidence of disease and, where abnormalities were observed, a full investigation was carried out and copies of all reports have been provided to the Government Veterinary Officer with responsibility for this shipment. Post mortem examinations were carried out on all dead birds and avian paramyxovirus, avian influenza or pigeon herpesvirus encephalomyelitis infection was not detected in any of these dead birds

i) At least 28 days after the commencement of the quarantine period cloacal swabs were collected from each bird. Cloacal swabs from groups of no more than 5 birds were pooled and tested for freedom from the following pathogens with negative results in each case:

- haemagglutinating agents by direct inoculation of the allantoic cavity of 9-11 day-old chick embryos with cloacal swabs. Any agents detected were specifically identified and influenza virus type A, Newcastle disease virus (APMV-1), pigeon, paramyxovirus type 1 (PPMV-1), and avian paramyxovirus type 3 (APMV-3) were not found.
- *Salmonella* Gallinarum, *Salmonella* Pullorum, *Salmonella* Enteritidis and *Salmonella* Arizona (by faecal culture).

j) At least 28 days after the commencement of the quarantine period blood samples were collected from each bird for export and using the tests indicated each individual blood sample was:

tested negative for antibody to the following pathogens:

- type A influenza virus (ELISA or AGID)
- Newcastle disease virus (APMV-1) (HI)
- Pigeon paramyxovirus type 1 (PPMV-1) (HI)
- West Nile virus (ELISA or PRNT)
- equine encephalomyelitis virus\* (PRNT or HIT)
- infectious bursal disease virus\* (AGID or VN)

\*Delete if Government Veterinary Officer certifies that the country of origin is free of the specified pathogen.

All tests were carried out at the..... laboratory which is either a Government laboratory or a laboratory approved by the Government of the exporting country for this specific purpose.

All laboratory reports have been provided to the Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources for review and all directions by the department have been actioned accordingly.

l) During the pre-export quarantine period, each pigeon was subjected to the following treatments:

- an external parasiticide effective against ticks, lice and mites, specifically containing the active ingredient ..... at a strength of.....mg/kg, was applied twice as a powder/wash,

as recommended by the manufacturer, at an interval of 10 days, with the first treatment being within 24 hours after the commencement of the quarantine period.

- a broad-spectrum anthelmintic effective against nematodes, specifically containing the active ingredient ..... at a dose rate of ..... mg/kg, and a broad spectrum anthelmintic effective against cestodes, specifically containing the active ingredient ..... at a dose rate of ..... mg/kg, were administered twice at an interval of 21 days, with the final treatment being within 3-7 days prior to the scheduled date of export

m) I scanned each bird's microchip number and examined each bird's leg band identification code. I found that each bird's microchip number and leg band number was consistent and identifiable across all the pre-export laboratory testing results. Any problem with bird identification was notified in writing to the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources prior to export. n) No antibiotics were administered to any pigeon during the pre export quarantine without permission in writing of the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources. Details of this and any treatments administered during pre export quarantine are attached.

o) I examined all birds for export within 24 hours prior to their leaving the pre-export quarantine facility and found them to be free from evidence of infectious or contagious disease and external parasites and fit to travel.

p) The containers for the transport of the birds (which are of a type approved by IATA and the Director of Biosecurity) were cleaned and disinfected to my satisfaction, prior to the caging of the birds for transport.

q) The birds were moved by the most direct practical route and were not at any time in contact with birds not tested to an equivalent health status.

r) The compartments of the aircraft/vessel to be occupied by the birds and the compartments' removable fittings were cleaned and disinfected with a prescribed disinfectant to my satisfaction prior to the loading of the birds.

Signature.....Date.....

Government Approved Veterinarian

Name.....

Address.....

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Email and contact number .....

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## Appendix 4: Health certificate 4 (Government Veterinary Officer certification)

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### Health Certificate 4

This certificate must accompany the consignment on arrival in Australia, and be signed and dated by an official veterinarian.

### Government Veterinary Officer certification

I,..... (please print name), being a full time Government Veterinary Officer, certify in relation to the birds listed in Schedule 1 to the Owner's/Aviary Manager's Declaration relating to this consignment that:

#### 1. Disease freedom declaration

a) .....(*country of export*) is free from highly pathogenic notifiable avian influenza and avian influenza has not been reported within 40 kilometres of any of the source flocks for the consignment, or of the approved pre-export quarantine facility, at any time within 21 days prior to the entry of the birds into pre-export quarantine;

b) EITHER:

.....(*country of export*) is free from strains of paramyxovirus type 1 which are classified as mesogenic or velogenic.\*

OR

Clinical Newcastle disease has not been reported within 40 kilometres of any of the source flocks for the consignment, or of the approved pre-export quarantine facility, at any time within 21 days prior to the entry of the birds into pre-export quarantine;\*

Delete if not applicable

c) Equine viral encephalomyelitis does not occur in .....(*country of export*).\*\*

d) Infectious bursal disease does not occur in commercial poultry in .....(*country of export*) \*\*

\*\* Delete if not applicable

#### 2. Pre-export quarantine

a) Where post mortem laboratory reports from birds dying in pre-export quarantine indicate the presence of a disease of quarantine concern, as listed in these conditions, copies of those reports were submitted to the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources prior to shipment of the birds.

b) The birds for export were inspected by me within 48 hours (preferably 24 hours) prior to leaving the pre-export quarantine facility and were found to be free from evidence of infectious or contagious disease and external parasites, and fit to travel.

#### 3. Health certification

I have read the Health Certificate provided in relation to the birds listed in the attached schedules and I have no reason to doubt the truth of that certification.

Signature.....Date.....

Government Veterinary Officer

Name.....

Address.....

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Email and contact number .....

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