



ANIMALS IMPORTATION (OSTRICHES) REGULATIONS 1994

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Queen's Representative

ORDER IN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

At Avarua, Rarotonga, this 9th day of June 1994

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE QUEEN'S REPRESENTATIVE  
IN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

PURSUANT to Section 13 of the Animals Act 1975, His Excellency the Queen's Representative acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations:

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REGULATIONS

1. Title - These regulations may be cited as the Animals Importation (Ostriches) Regulations 1994.

2. Interpretation - (1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, -

"Act" means the Animals Act 1975;

"Source country" means either Botswana, Zimbabwe or Tanzania;

"Owner" means the consignee of any ostrich imported into the Cook Islands;

"Permit" means a permit issued pursuant to Regulation 3(1);

"Declaration" means a declaration referred to in the Second Schedule;

"Health Certificate" means a certificate referred to in the Third Schedule.

3. Importation of Ostriches - (1) No person shall import into the Cook Islands any ostrich from any country other than a source country, and except in accordance with a permit set out in the First Schedule.

(2) Every ostrich imported into the Cook Islands shall be accompanied by -

- (a) a declaration set out in the Second Schedule signed by the owner and endorsed as to its correctness by a veterinarian of the Government of the source country; and
- (b) an animal health certificate set out in the Third Schedule signed by a veterinarian of the Government of the source country and endorsed as to its correctness by another veterinarian of the Government of the source country;
- (c) such laboratory test report as an inspector may require for each ostrich imported.

(3) The importation of ostriches into the Cook Islands shall be subject to each and every term and condition set out in a permit, declaration and health certificate, and the approval by an inspector of the laboratory report in respect of each ostrich.

(4) It shall be a condition of every permit that every ostrich to be imported into the Cook Islands shall undergo such quarantine, tests and treatment as are referred to in the declaration and the health certificate.

4. Port of Entry - (1) No person shall import any ostrich into the Cook Islands except at the Rarotonga International Airport.

(2) Upon importation to the Cook Islands every ostrich shall be trans-shipped as soon as reasonably practicable to the island of Mangaia and pending such trans-shipment shall be contained in a transshipment area designated by an inspector and erected at the cost of the owner.

5. Transport - (1) Ostriches to be exported to the Cook Islands shall -

- (a) within the source country be transported to the port of departure by the most direct route; and
- (b) be consigned from the source country to the Cook Islands by the most direct route without being trans-shipped enroute; and
- (c) not while in transit, (whether within the source country or enroute to the Cook Islands) be accompanied by any other bird or ostrich that is not of tested equivalent health status.

(2) Every container and every vehicle (including aircraft) used to transport ostriches to or within the Cook Islands shall before such transportation be cleaned and disinfected with an agent approved by an inspector.

(3) Every container used in the transportation of ostriches from the port of departure in the source country to the Cook Islands shall be as prescribed by the IATA Live Animals Regulations 1992 and shall be new or unused.

M. Taruia  
Clerk of the Executive Council

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These Regulations are administered by the Agriculture Department

BY AUTHORITY:

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FIRST SCHEDULE

Reg. 3(1)

## PERMIT TO IMPORT OSTRICHES INTO THE COOK ISLANDS

Permit Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date Of Issue \_\_\_\_\_

Importation is permitted on condition that the ostriches are accompanied by the following documents:

- (i) This Permit To Import, including a schedule of the individual description of each ostrich in the consignment.
- (ii) A Declaration as described in Appendix 2 signed by the Owner or Manager of the source flock and endorsed by a Government Veterinary Officer of the exporting country.
- (iii) An Animal Health Certificate as described in Appendix 3 signed by a veterinarian approved by the Government of the exporting country and endorsed by a Government Veterinary Officer of the exporting country.
- (iv) This permit is valid for a period of 6 months from date of issue and can be renewed or extended by the Ministry of Agriculture if required by the importer. A separate permit will be issued for each exporting country.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Officer of Ministry of Agriculture, Cook Islands

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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SECOND SCHEDULE

Reg. 3(2)(a)

**SOURCE FLOCK OWNER/MANAGER'S DECLARATION  
CONCERNING OSTRICHES EXPORTED TO THE  
COOK ISLANDS UNDER PERMIT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being the owner/manager of the ostriches described in the schedule to this document, declare that:

1. Each ostrich to which this declaration applies has been clearly identified by individual electronic microchip implant or a permanent leg band and a full description of each ostrich is attached (schedule 1).
2. Each ostrich has been a resident in the present flock since hatching or during the 60 days period immediately prior to entry to pre-export quarantine premises. during this 60 day period the flock has been resident at: \_\_\_\_\_
3. During the 45 day period immediately prior to the ostriches entering pre-export quarantine, the flock has been closed. No new ostriches were introduced during this period. Any ostriches which died during this period were examined by resident veterinarian who reported the findings to the supervising Government Veterinary Officer. If required by the supervising Government Veterinary Officer specimens were submitted to a laboratory approved by the Government and a copy of the results of the examinations is attached.
4. No ostriches in the flock were treated with antibiotics during the 6 week period immediately prior to the ostriches entering pre-export quarantine. Details of any medications/treatments during this period are attached.
5. No ostriches for export (Schedule 1) have been vaccinated against Newcastle Disease or Avian Influenza.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Manager's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I have explained the contents of this Declaration to the owner/manager and have witnessed his signature. After due inquiry I have no reason to doubt the truth of this declaration.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Government Veterinary Officer

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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THIRD SCHEDULE

Reg. 3(2)(b)

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE CONCERNING OSTRICHES  
EXPORTED TO THE COOK ISLANDS UNDER

PERMIT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DATED \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being a Government approved veterinarian, certify, that with regard to the ostriches in this consignment,

## 1. Disease Freedom Declaration

- (a) After due inquiry, I am satisfied that during the past 6 months neither Newcastle Disease or Avian Influenza has been diagnosed in ostriches in the flock of origin, on any premises where any ostriches have been located or on any premises within a radius of 20 km of the above, or of the pre-export quarantine premises, or on any premises managed, owned or operated by the same company, group or individual.
- (b) After due inquiry, I am satisfied that, for the 6 month period prior to this date, no infectious or contagious disease in ostriches, or Anthrax in any species of animal, have been diagnosed on any premises where ostriches for export have been located during that 6 months.

The diseases concerned are:

Newcastle Disease  
Avian Influenza  
Fowl Typhoid (Salmonella Gallinarum)  
Pullorum Disease (Salmonella Pullorum)  
Salmonella Enteritidis infection  
Salmonella Hadar infection  
Ostrich Spongiform Encephalopathy  
Anthrax  
Infectious Bursal Disease (Gumboro)  
Turkey Viral Rhinotracheitis  
Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever  
Rift Valley Fever  
Wesselsbron Disease

## 2. Pre-Export Quarantine

- (a) Before the ostriches entered the pre-export quarantine premises, the premises were cleaned under my supervision.
- (b) Each ostrich was treated at least once between 3 and 7 days prior to entering pre-export quarantine, (date of treatment to be entered \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_) with two broad spectrum anthelmintics, namely 'fenbendazole' at a dose rate of 15 mg/kg and 'ivermectin' at a dose rate of 0.2 mg/kg.
- (c) Each ostrich was treated at least once between 3 and 7 days prior to entering the pre-export quarantine (date of treatment to be entered \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_), with an external parasiticide effective against ticks, mites and lice, namely 'Malathion' 2-4% spray, at a rate of 7 litres of the mixture per adult ostrich.
- (d) Each ostrich for export was examined by me within 48 hours prior to entering pre-export quarantine premises and was found to be free from evidence of infectious or contagious disease and external parasites.
- (e) The ostrich for export have been maintained for a period of at least 45 days in the pre-export quarantine premises. during this period, there have been no birds in the premises other than the birds in this consignment.
- (f) During this period, each ostrich for export was examined regularly by me for (date of examination to be entered \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_) evidence of disease and, where abnormalities were observed, a full investigation was carried out and a report is attached.

## 3. Testing And Treatment In Pre-Export Quarantine.

- (a) At least 14 days after the ostriches for export entered the pre-export quarantine premises and 21 days later but no earlier than 10-15 days prior to export serum was collected from each ostrich and tested by a Government laboratory and found to be free from evidence of the following diseases:

Newcastle Disease  
Avian Influenza  
Fowl Typhoid (Salmonella Gallinarum)  
Pullorum Disease (Salmonella Pullorum)  
Salmonella Enteritidis infection  
Salmonella Hadar infection  
Ostrich Spongiform Encephalopathy  
Anthrax  
Infectious Bursal Disease (Gumboro)  
Turkey Viral Rhinotracheitis  
Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever  
Rift Valley Fever  
Wesselsbron Disease

Laboratory test reports are attached.

- (b) At least 14 days after the commencement of the pre-export quarantine period and the second approximately 21 days later. The last test was carried out no earlier than 10-15 days prior to export. Cloacal swabs were collected from each ostrich. Cloacal swabs from groups of no more than 5 ostriches were pooled and tested by a Government laboratory for freedom from the following pathogens with negative results in each case,
- (i) Haemagglutinating agents by direct inoculation of allantoic cavity of 9-11 day old chick embryos with faecal swabs. A minimum of two egg passages were used for the test. Any haemagglutinating agent occurring must be identified and influenza virus type A, Newcastle Disease virus or other avian paramyxoviruses be absent.
  - (ii) Salmonella Gallianrum, Salmonella Pullorum, Salmonella Enteritidis and Salmonella Hadar (by faecal culture).

**Note:** All tests were carried out at the \_\_\_\_\_ laboratory.

- (c) During this pre-export quarantine period, each ostrich was subjected to the following treatments:
- (i) Two broad spectrum anthelmintics, namely "fenbendazole" at a dose rate of 15 mg/kg and "ivermectin" at a dose rate of 0.2 mg/kg were administered at least twice at an interval of 21 days with the final treatment (date of treatment to be entered \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_) being within 3-7 days prior to export.
  - (ii) An external parasiticide effective against ticks, mites and lice, namely "Malathion" 2-4% spray was administered at least twice at an interval of 10 days with the final treatment (date of treatment to be entered \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_) being within 3-7 days prior to export. Malathion must be administered at a rate of 7 litres of mixture per adult ostrich.
  - (iii) No antibiotics were administered to any ostriches during the pre-export quarantine period without my permission. Details of this and any treatments administered during pre-export quarantine are attached.
- (d) Each ostrich for export was examined by me within 24 hours prior to leaving the pre-export quarantine and was found to be free from evidence of infections or contagious diseases and external parasites and was fit to travel.



## 4. Transport

- (a) The ostriches were transported in transport containers (if any used) which are new unused or are adequately cleaned, disinfected and disinfected to my satisfaction.
- (b) The ostriches were moved by the most direct practical route and were not at any time in direct contact with birds not tested to an equivalent health status.
- (c) The compartments of the aircraft or vessel to be occupied by ostriches and the compartment's removable fittings were cleaned and disinfected with a prescribed disinfectant to my satisfaction prior to the loading of the ostriches.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Government Approved Veterinarian

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tel Number \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

The signatory of this document is a veterinarian approved by the Government of \_\_\_\_\_ (exporting country). I have perused the contents of this Declaration and have witnessed the signature. After due inquiry, I have no reason to doubt the truth of this declaration.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Government Veterinary Officer

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. Number \_\_\_\_\_

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