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EXPORT OF LIVE PIGEONS TO AUSTRALIA

No:

AQIS Import Permit No:

HEALTH CERTIFICATE 3 of 5: HEALTH INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PRE-EXPORT QUARANTINE FACILITY

EXPORTING COUNTRY: UNITED KINGDOM

FOR COMPLETION BY: OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

I. Identification of consignment

- (a) DAWE import permit number:
- (b) PEQ address:
- (c) PEQ start date:
- (d) Number of pigeons that began PEQ:

II. Health certification for pre-export quarantine period

I, (block letters), being a Government Approved Official Veterinarian, certify that:

- a) The birds have been maintained for a period of at least 55 days in the pre-export quarantine facility;
- b) No birds have been added into pre-export quarantine since the commencement of pre-export quarantine. During this period, there have been no birds in the facility other than the birds assembled for this consignment at the start of pre-export quarantine;
- c) At all times during the pre-export quarantine period, the facility met the conditions for approval specified in Health Certificate 2 (Approval of the pre-export quarantine facility);
- d) During the pre-export quarantine period, each bird for export was observed regularly by me for evidence of disease. Where abnormalities were observed, a full investigation was carried out and copies of all laboratory reports have been provided to the Government Veterinary Officer with responsibility for this shipment. Post mortem

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examinations were carried out on all dead birds. Avian paramyxovirus, avian influenza or pigeon herpesvirus encephalomyelitis infection were not detected in any birds;

e) EITHER

*i. no bird in the pre-export quarantine facility showed any clinical sign of infection with **chlamydophilosis** during the pre-export quarantine period;

OR

*ii. 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 and laboratory results are attached;

f) at least 28 days after the commencement of the pre-export 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:

(i) haemagglutinating agents by direct inoculation of the allantoic cavity of 9-11 day-old-chick embryos, with either negative results*, or 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;

(ii) **Salmonella Gallinarum, S.Pullorum, S.Enteritidis and S.Arizonae** by faecal culture;

g) at least 28 days after the commencement of the pre-export quarantine period blood samples were collected from each bird for export, and using the tests indicated below (or country freedom certification in Health Certificate 4), each individual blood sample was tested negative for antibodies to the following pathogens:

(i) Type A influenza virus	(by ELISA* or AGID*);
(ii) Newcastle disease virus (APMV-1)	(by HI);
(iii) Pigeon paramyxovirus type 1 (PPMV-1)	(by HI);
(iv) West Nile virus	(by ELISA* or PRNT)*
(v) Equine encephalomyelitis virus	(by PRNT* or HI* or country freedom certification in Certificate 4*)
(vi) Infectious Bursal disease virus	(by AGID* or VN* or country freedom certification in Certificate 4*);

h) All tests were carried out at the

laboratory which is either a government laboratory or a laboratory approved by APHA for this specific purpose. All laboratory reports have been provided to the Australian Government (DAWE) for review and 2010EHC Certificate 3 (Health Certificate) (Agreed 09/01/2022)

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all directions by the department have been actioned accordingly;

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

(i) 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.

(ii) a broad spectrum **anthelmintic** effective against nematodes, specifically containing the active ingredient _____ at a dose of _____ mg/kg, and a broad spectrum anthelmintic effective against cestodes, specifically containing the active ingredient _____ at a dose 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.

k) 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 were consistent and identifiable across all the pre-export laboratory testing results Any problem with bird identification was notified in writing to DAWE prior to export.

l) No antibiotics were administered to any pigeon during the pre-export quarantine without the written permission of DAWE. Details of this and any treatments (other than those required in paragraph II. (j) above) administered during pre-export quarantine are attached to this certificate as **Schedule 6**.

m) 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. A complete list of birds that have completed pre-export quarantine is attached (**Schedule 7**).

SCHEDULE 7 - LIST OF PIGEONS THAT HAVE COMPLETED PRE-EXPORT QUARANTINE				
Pre-export quarantine facility address:				
Microchip No	Leg band No	Breed	Source flock address	Date ID checked by Government Approved Veterinarian

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Name of Government Approved Veterinarian:	Signature of Government Approved Veterinarian:	Date:
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III. Transport

- a) The containers for the transport of the birds were cleaned and disinfected to my satisfaction prior to the caging of the birds for transport;
- b) a written declaration has been received from the owner/exporter stating that:
 - (i) the containers to be used for the transport of the birds comply in all respects to the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animal Regulations;
 - (ii) pigeons are scheduled to be moved from the PEQ to the aircraft by the most direct practical route and will not at any time have contact with birds not tested to an equivalent health status;

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SignedRCVS

Name in block letters

Official Veterinarian

Date

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