

**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FORESTRY AND FISHERIES
SAINT LUCIA**

**CONDITIONS TO IMPORT HATCHING EGGS/DAYOLD CHICKS
INTO SAINT LUCIA May 2006**

1. There should not have been outbreak of Viscerotropic Velogenic Newcastle Disease (VVND) or Avian Influenza (AI) in the country of origin in the last twelve (12) months
2. The hatching eggs or chicks must be accompanied by a certificate signed by a Government Veterinarian stating that:
 - a) The eggs, wrappings and containers have been inspected and are free from particulate matter, cracks, flies and other extraneous substances.
 - b) Chicks selected are of first class quality and vaccinated against Merek's Disease.
 - c) The age of parent flock as well as the breed of birds should be stated.
 - d) Hydrating gel must be added to the chick boxes, especially for birds traveling long distance.
 - e) Temperature gauges should be included in the boxes for shipment.
 - f) The time of departure from the hatchery should be stated.
 - g) In the case of hatching eggs the date of collection should be stated.
3. In addition there should not have been any clinical manifestations in the breeding flock (s) from which these eggs were derived, within at least 48 hours of egg collection.
4. The breeding flock (s) and their parent flock (s) must be registered and/or officially recognized to be in good standing with the veterinary authority of the country of origin of these hatching eggs or day old chicks.
5. The flock must be certified, tested and free of the following disease:

Infectious Bursal Disease (IBD)	Pasteurellosis
Avian Encephalomyelitis (AE)	Complicated CRD (colibacillosis mycoses)
Merek's Disease (MD)	Reoviral Infections
Adenoviral Infecious	Chlamydiosis
Infectious Bronchitis (IB)	Salmonellosis
Infectious Laryngotracheitis (IL)	Chronic Respiratory Disease (CRD)
Avian Influenza (AI)	
Mycoplasma spp.	
6. Where, the parent flocks, hatching eggs or day old chicks are tested, treated or inoculated, the dates type of test employed, treatments and vaccines used must be certified, stated and communicated to the Ministry of Agriculture, prior to the granting of an import permit.
7. The eggs or chicks must be landed at Hewanorra International Airport or George F L Charles Airport or the Seaport of Castries and Vieux Fort.
8. Upon arrival at the designated ports of entry, the eggs or chicks and their accompanying documents will be examined by an approved representative of the Veterinary and Livestock Services Division.

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Chief Veterinary Officer