

Quarantine and Health Requirements for penguins imported into the People's Republic of China

Article 1

The competent authority of the exporting country or region shall be responsible for the quarantine of penguins and the issuance of the health certificate (The sample of health certificate shall be provided to AQSIQ for endorsement before it becomes valid). The health certificate shall fulfill the following requirements:

1. The contents of health certificate:

- (1) Names and addresses of the consignor and the consignee.
- (2) Name and location of the farm for quarantine.
- (3) Species and quantity of the penguins to be exported, the number of containers, and identification of penguins.
- (4) Requirements of Article 3 to Article 8 of this protocol.
- (5) If the animals have been vaccinated, the date of vaccination, the type, dosage and manufacturer of the vaccine should be specified.
- (6) The information of sample, test date, name of laboratories, testing methods and result should be provided.
- (7) Date of issuance, printed name and signature of official veterinary.
- (8) The official stamp.

1. One original and two copies of the health certificate are required.
2. The health certificate shall be typed in Chinese or English, hand

written or altered version is invalid.

3. The health certificate shall accompany the penguins shipped to China.

If the penguins arrive at the Chinese port of entry with an invalid certificate or without a certificate, the penguins shall be returned or destroyed by AQSIQ.

Article 2

Only after having confirmed the animal import permit has been issued by AQSIQ, the competent authority of exporting country or region may commence the quarantine and inspection process for penguins. Each import permit can only allow for the importation of one consignment of penguins.

Article 3

The penguins should not be vaccinated against AIV, and the area within 10 kilometers of their farms or quarantine premises is free from highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), Newcastle disease (ND) and Chlamydiosis during the past 12 months prior to embarkation. If there is any outbreak of diseases as described above, the country or region shall refrain from exporting penguins to China at once.

Article 4

Prior to shipment, the penguins shall be quarantined in the premises approved by competent authority for at least 30days. During the pre-export quarantine period, the penguins shall be examined clinically by official veterinary or accredited veterinarian(s) and found to be healthy and free from any signs of infectious diseases. The exported penguins shall be sampled at 10% (The minimum sampling number is 30. The sample shall be taken one by one when the quantity of imported penguins is below 30) to conduct the following tests with negative results.

1. Avian influenza:

Avian influenza virus subtype H5 and H7 will be tested by real-time PCR from cloacal swabs or isolation of virus in chick embryo.

2. Newcastle disease:

a. HI test with a serum dilution of 1:16, OR:

b. Velogenic strains of ND virus shall be tested by real-time PCR from cloacal swab or isolation of virus in chick embryo.

No test requirement if vaccinated.

The penguins shall be tested with above A or B if body weights over 250 grams, OR tested with above B if body weights 1-250 grams.

Article 5

During the pre-export quarantine period, the penguins shall be given

preventive treatment of chlamydiosis. The official or accredited veterinarian should register the identity of the penguins one by one when the penguins entering the quarantine facilities and at the end of quarantine.

Article 6

The penguins for export shall be subjected to clinical examination by official or accredited veterinarian(s) within 24 hours prior to shipment, and no clinical signs of infectious disease shall be found.

Article 7

All containers and package materials used for the penguins shall be in good condition and be disinfected with a disinfectant approved by the competent authority.

Article 8

During the transportation period, the penguins to China shall not have contact with animals of different consigners and consignees. The containers and vehicles used for transporting penguins from quarantine premises to airport shall be closed and meet epidemic prevention requirements, and they shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before loading.

Article 9

The penguins to be exported must be transported to the port of China with the designated route within the timetable according to the animal import permit issued by AQSIQ.

Article 10

The penguins shall be quarantined in a quarantine facility approved by CIQ, and clinically examined and tested according to the relevant requirement of Article 4, then released after qualification.