



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999
DECLARATION OF AN
APPROVED WILDLIFE TRADE OPERATION

I, Paul Murphy, Assistant Secretary, Wildlife Trade and Biosecurity, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity*

Conservation Act 1999, am satisfied that an operation to harvest and export avian blood samples for specialised sexing and diagnostic purposes by Molecular Diagnostic Services Australia Pty Ltd, is a small-scale operation as defined by Regulation 9A.20 under subsection 303FN(10). I declare under subsection 303FN(2) that Molecular Diagnostic Services Australia Pty Ltd is an Approved Wildlife Trade Operation.

This declaration has effect subject to the following conditions applied under S303FT:

1. The operation is undertaken in accordance with the proposal submitted by Molecular Diagnostic Services Australia Pty Ltd.
2. The export is limited to blood samples and excludes specimens from any species listed as threatened under the EPBC Act or included on Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).
3. MDS Australia must abide by the procedure for exporting biological samples as detailed in the Animal Health Committee document – *Policy for the Transfer of Biological Specimens to Overseas Laboratories for Infectious and Parasitic Disease Testing*.
4. Initially only specimens from the list of species approved under the Wildlife Trade Operation are eligible for export permit application. Additional species may only be exported with the prior approval of the Department of the Environment and Energy.
5. Accurate records must be maintained and kept up-to-date. If requested, records will be made available to the Department of the Environment and Energy.
6. An annual report must be submitted to Wildlife Trade Assessments section, Department of the Environment and Energy by 30 June each year and detail
 - a) The number of blood samples from each species collected in the previous 12 months
 - b) The number of blood samples from each species exported in the previous 12 months.
7. This declaration is valid for three years from the date of registration on the Federal Register of Legislation.