

RE: Import Alert: Removal of leg banding requirements for psittacines birds in U.S. quarantine

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9 CFR part 93.106(a) requires any psittacines entered into a USDA-supervised quarantine facility to have a serially numbered leg band applied for identification purposes, or to be identified by other suitable means of identification. The regulations also require the facility to retain a daily log of the leg bands applied and to retain this record for one year.

As of this Import Alert, APHIS quarantine facilities will cease banding of psittacines in quarantine as a means of identification, and will instead record the means of identification, which accompanies the psittacines as part of the import record. Enter records of these birds into the VSPS database. Records maintained in the electronic database as per agency requirements established in VSPS.