

## **IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF CURACAO FOR BIRDS FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate, not older than two weeks, shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and the consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

### **CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS**

1. The United States of America or the state of origin is officially free of Notifiable Avian Influenza and Newcastle disease and other notifiable avian diseases.
2. The birds have been inspected on the day of shipment by the veterinarian and showed no clinical signs of any communicable disease.
3. The birds have been under veterinary supervision 3 weeks before shipment and showed no signs of any communicable disease during that period.
4. The Psittaciformes (parrots) originate from a facility that has been free of psittacosis for the past 12 months.
5. The birds have been transported in new unused containers.
6. The birds have been identified individually by a ring or chip.

Additional Information: The Veterinary Services of Curacao has to be warned by the freight forwarders and/or customs for all bird or poultry importations in order to inspect the shipments on site before giving clearance. Birds that do not comply with the aforementioned certification requirements or show any symptoms of any communicable disease will be euthanized immediately.