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REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

THE ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT (CHAP.7)

**VETERINARY CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF PET ANIMALS - BIRDS (OTHER THAN DOMESTIC BIRDS) (1/2)**

**I COUNTRY OF EXPORT**

Any country.

**II PURPOSE**

Any purpose.

**III IMPORT LICENCE**

Each consignment of birds shall be accompanied by a valid Import Licence issued by the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) of Singapore.

**IV VETERINARY CERTIFICATION**

Each consignment of birds shall be accompanied by a veterinary certificate dated within seven (7) days of import signed by a government veterinary authority or registered veterinarian of the country of export and endorsed by the government veterinary authority, giving details of the consignment (consignor, consignee, quantity and species or breed of birds) and certifying to the effect that

- (i) The country has been free from highly pathogenic avian influenza and velogenic Newcastle Disease for the past six (6) months prior to export;
- (ii) The birds were kept in isolation in a facility approved by the *government veterinary authority* since they were hatched or for the 21 days prior to shipment and showed no clinical signs of infectious diseases, including avian influenza, during the isolation period;
- (iii) During the isolation period at term (ii) above, all birds, or a sample of birds from one consignment were subject to:

- a. Virus isolation test for avian influenza virus and the test results are negative. The sample size should not be fewer than 30 birds. (Pooling is permitted with not more than 10 samples in each pool);

**OR**

- b. Serology test for H5 and H7 avian influenza virus, using Agar Gel Immunodiffusion Test or Haemagglutination Inhibition Test and the test results are negative. The sample size should not be fewer 20 birds and the samples must be taken for testing within 7 days of export.

**OR**

- c. RT-PCR test for avian influenza virus and the test results are negative. The sample size should not be fewer than 30 birds and the birds must be individually tested.

*(For details of the methods, please refer to "OIE Manual of Standards for Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines")*

- (iv) The birds were examined on the day of export and found to be free from any clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases.
- (v) The birds are transported in new and clean containers, according to IATA requirements.

**V DECLARATION FROM MASTER/CAPTAIN OF SHIP/AIRCRAFT**

Not required.

**VI QUARANTINE**

No quarantine if documents are in order and birds are clinically healthy upon arrival.

**VII APPLICATION FOR IMPORT LICENCE**

The owner or his agent must apply for the import licence by submitting an online application through AVA's website ([www.ava.gov.sg](http://www.ava.gov.sg)>e-Services>Animals&Pet Sector>Licence to Import/Export/Transship of Animals/Birds/Eggs/Biologics) 30 days prior to the arrival of animals.

**VIII NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVAL**

The owner or his agent shall contact the Quarantine Office as stated in the Import Licence at least five (5) working days before the arrival of the animals.



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**IX VETERINARY INSPECTION**

On arrival at the port of disembarkation in Singapore, the birds and documents (Import Licence, Veterinary Health Certificate) shall be presented to and examined by an authorised Veterinary Officer. If the consignment of birds is found to be healthy and documents are in order, the birds shall be released to the importer or owner, otherwise the birds shall be detained for further actions. The birds maybe subjected to sampling for testing purposes.

**X PENALTY**

- (i) Any consignment of bird arriving without a veterinary health certificate or suspected to be infected with disease shall be destroyed or returned to country of origin or quarantined for a minimum of seven (7) days either at AVA's quarantine premises or AVA-designated quarantine premises.
- (ii) If birds are quarantined in non-AVA premises, the importer or owner shall report any sickness or death of any bird to the Director, Quarantine & Inspection Dept, and such bird may not be disposed of without his/her permission.
- (iv) Specimens and birds may be subject to laboratory tests.

**XI FEES**

- (i) Import Licence )
- (ii) Veterinary inspection and processing of documents ) see Fee Schedule: Attachment-2
- (iii) Accommodation fee at Changi Animal & Plant Quarantine Unit )

**XII OTHER REQUIREMENTS/INFORMATION**

- (i) Under the Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act 2006, animal species listed in the Appendices to CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) **MUST** be accompanied by a CITES import permit issued by AVA and a CITES export/re-export certificate from the country of export/origin of the animal. Please refer to the CITES website at <http://www.cites.org> > Appendices for a list of animal(s) listed in the CITES Appendices. Application for the CITES import permit should be made at least 14 days prior to the date of importation by submitting the application online via the AVA website at <http://www.ava.gov.sg> > eServices> Licenses, Permits, Certificates and Registration> CITES Permit and Certificate (Animal). Please ensure that a copy of the CITES export/re-export certificate and a specimen report for the animal(s) are attached as supporting documents in the application. The original copy of the CITES export/re-export certificate must also be returned to AVA upon the import of the animal(s). The fee for CITES Permit is in Fee Attachment-2 attached.
- (ii) A Licence issued by AVA must be obtained to use any place for exhibition, sale or export of any animal or bird.
- (iii) Any expenditure incurred in the process of importation shall be borne by the importer.
- (iv) Regulations and fees are subject to change without notice notwithstanding the issuance of a licence/permit by AVA.
- (v) Birds include all birds other than domestic birds and include guinea fowls, partridges, parrots, parakeets, budgerigars, cockatoos, doves, peafowls, swans, finches, and other birds intended for purposes other than for consumption.

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