

Certification Statements for feathers and feather products of poultry and birds other than poultry exported from the United States to Jamaica

Exporters wishing to export feathers to Jamaica should be aware of the import requirements in each of the following categories:

- **Feathers and feather products in commercial quantities of US origin** – Jamaica’s Veterinary Services Division (VSD) requires an import permit issued by the VSD and an export certificate issued by USDA/APHIS with the statements listed below in this IREG. Such feathers or feather products may be subject to fumigation on arrival in Jamaica.

- **Feathers and feather products in commercial quantities which are not of U.S. origin** – Jamaica’s Veterinary Services Division (VSD) requires an import permit issued by the VSD and forward certification from the country of origin attesting to Jamaica’s import requirements. In addition, a certificate issued by USDA/APHIS must be presented stating that the feathers and/or feather products were legally imported into the United States as described below under the heading “Export Certification Statements for Feathers or Feather Products Not of US Origin.” Such feathers or feather products may be subject to fumigation on arrival to Jamaica.

- **Feathers and feather products in quantities for personal use** – For the importation of feathers and feather products in minute quantities (<300 grams of feathers or a maximum of three (3) items such as costumes), for personal use, Jamaica’s Veterinary Services Division (VSD) requires an import permit issued by the VSD accompanied by an export certificate issued by USDA/APHIS containing the statements listed below under the heading “Export Certification Statements for U.S. Origin Feathers or Feather Products,” **or** an invoice showing it was purchased in the US, **or** if the exporter cannot acquire an invoice, a notarized affidavit written in accordance with the import permit. Such feathers or feather products may be subject to fumigation on arrival in Jamaica.

Jamaica’s VSD requires that all feathers and feather products, including those in personal baggage, meet the requirements listed above or they will be confiscated at the point of entry in Jamaica.

The importer is encouraged to confirm these requirements with Jamaica’s VSD. When an import permit is issued by the VSD, the permit number must be reflected on the commercial documents (e.g. bill of lading, invoice) accompanying the shipment. Jamaica’s VSD also requires that if an APHIS certificate is required in accordance with the categories listed above, the number of the VS Form 16-4 “Export Certificate for Animal Products” must be listed on the commercial documents (ideally the invoice) accompanying the shipment.

For products requiring an export certificate, the following certification statements must be included in the Additional Declarations section of the VS form 16-4. For statement 2, choose the most appropriate statement depending on the birds from which the feather was derived.

(Note: For the purposes of this certificate, poultry is defined as domesticated fowl, including chickens, turkeys, ostriches, emus, rheas, cassowaries, waterfowl, and game birds, except doves and pigeons, which are bred for the primary purpose of producing eggs or meat.)

Export Certification Statements for U.S. Origin Feathers or Feather Products:

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [company name] verifying the accuracy of the following statements:

1. The product is of United States origin or it was legally imported.

[Include this statement only for feathers and down from poultry]

2. The product comes from poultry from a zone free of high pathogenicity avian influenza and virulent Newcastle Disease in commercial poultry, OR it was subjected to one of the following treatments for the destruction of the Newcastle disease virus and the high pathogenicity avian influenza virus:
 - Treated with moist heat at a temperature of 100 ° C for a minimum of 30 minutes;
 - Fumigation with formalin (10% formaldehyde) for 8 hours;
 - Irradiation with a dose of 20 kGy;
 - Any equivalent treatment which has been demonstrated to inactivate avian influenza virus;

[Include this statement only for feathers and down from birds other than poultry]

2. The product was subjected to one of the following treatments for the inactivation of the Newcastle disease virus and the high pathogenicity avian influenza virus:
 - Washing and steam drying at a temperature of 100 ° C for 30 minutes;
 - Fumigation with formalin (10% formaldehyde) for 8 hours;
 - Irradiation with a dose of 20 kGy;
 - Any equivalent treatment whose ability to inactivate the avian influenza virus is demonstrated;
3. The product was processed in a manner to remove all blood and fecal waste.
4. Procedures are in place to prevent comingling with other animal origin materials.

Export Certification Statements for Feathers or Feather Products Not of US Origin:

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [company name] verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

1. The product was legally imported into the United States.
2. The consignment was not commingled with any other animal origin materials while in the United States.