

Explanatory notes for completing the model animal health certificate for the movement of pet birds referred to in Article 26(1) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2026/131

1. Where the animal health certificate indicates that statements must be crossed out, the official veterinarian may cross out the inapplicable statements—adding their signature and stamp—or these statements may be completely removed from the certificate.
2. The original of each animal health certificate shall consist of a single sheet of paper or, if more space is required, be arranged in such a way that all the sheets concerned form an integrated and indivisible whole.
3. The animal health certificate shall be drawn up in at least one of the official languages of the Member State of entry and in English. It must be completed in capital letters.
4. If additional sheets of paper or supporting documents are attached to the animal health certificate, they shall be considered an integral part of the original, provided that the signature and stamp of the official veterinarian issuing the certificate appear on each page.
5. Where the animal health certificate—including the additional sheets referred to in point 4—consists of more than one sheet, each sheet shall be numbered (page number of total number of pages) at the bottom and shall bear, at the top, the reference number of the animal health certificate assigned by the competent authority.
6. The original animal health certificate shall be issued by an official veterinarian of the third country or territory of dispatch or by an authorised veterinarian, and shall subsequently be endorsed by the competent authority of the third country or territory of dispatch. The competent authority of the third country or territory of dispatch shall ensure compliance with certification rules and principles equivalent to those laid down in Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council.
7. The colour of the signature shall be different from that of the printed text. The same rule applies to stamps other than embossed stamps or watermarks.
8. The competent authority of the third country or territory of dispatch shall assign the reference number of the animal health certificate indicated in boxes I.2 and II.a.