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INFORMATIONAL SHEET: Return of declared pet birds to Mexico refused entry to United States

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This information is for individuals who declare pet bird(s) at the U.S. /Mexico land border ports of entry and will not be able to meet U.S. import requirements.

Please be aware of the following, which is required to return to Mexico:

1. Veterinary Services (VS) form 17-8, which states the pet bird(s) was refused entry, provided by U.S. Customs and Border Protection or USDA.
2. The official veterinarian of Mexico or Third Authorized Specialist (TEA) will perform a physical inspection and document review of refused pet bird(s). They will:
 - a) Verify that the ID or description of the pet bird(s) correlates with the documents presented.
 - b) Verify that the pet bird(s) seems in good health, with no evidence of communicable disease, and free of ectoparasites.
 - c) Inform the individual of the procedure and requirements to export pet bird(s) to the United States of America.

If the individual is interested in returning the pet bird(s) to an address located beyond the port in Mexico, requirements and any restrictions imposed will be explained for moving the pet bird(s) into Mexico. The individual will pay expenses for this process.

General requirements:

1. Return of any dead bird(s) must undergo a necropsy examination, and if required, samples will be taken and sent to the official laboratory in Mexico.
2. If a pet bird becomes sick, while waiting for clearance to return to Mexico, the Commission for the Prevention of Foot and Mouth Disease and other Exotic Diseases (CPA) must be informed at phone number 01-800-7512100 or 55 59051000 Ext. 51236, or Ext. 51242. Testing to determine the cause of death/disease may be completed, as well as, cleaning and disinfection to protect human and avian health.

NOTE:

Meeting the requirements established in this document does not preclude the individual from meeting requirements dictated by other agencies. Expenses generated to meet the requirements stated in this document are the responsibility of the individual defined as the importer, legal representative, or owner of the pet bird(s).

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