

VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE IMPORT OF PET BIRDS INTO THE UNITED STATES THAT ORIGINATE FROM OR TRANSIT COUNTRIES AFFECTED WITH HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA

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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the animals described herein conform to the current veterinary import requirements of the United States. Health certificates are valid for 30 days from the date of issue by the examining veterinarian of the exporting country.

1. Consignor: Shipper/Owner Name: Address: Country: US Contact Information:	2. Receiver of shipment in the U.S. Name: Address: US Contact Information:
3. Country of Export:	4. Date of Shipment:
5. Country of Destination: United States of America	6. Destination State:
7. Port of Embarkation:	8. Means of Transport (air, sea, or land):
9. Description of Commodity: Pet Bird(s)	10. Commodities Intended Use: Pet
11. Total Number of Shipping Containers:	

12. Identification of Birds

Row	Name/ Identification ¹	Species/Breed	Physical Description	Age (Month/Years)	Weight (grams)
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

¹ U.S.-origin pet birds weighing over 100 grams must be identified by microchip, leg band, or tattoo to be eligible for home quarantine upon return with the individual identification of each bird listed on this certificate. Individual identification is not required for other pet birds but may be provided. Importers with pet birds that are microchipped must provide a microchip reader to use to read the chip at the U.S. port of entry.

Note: Shipments of five (5) or less birds may use this pet bird certificate. APHIS considers shipments of six (6) or more birds to be commercial shipments, which must use a different health certificate ([Importing Commercial Birds into the United States | Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service \(usda.gov\)](https://www.usda.gov/aphis/npn/pet-birds)).

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The official veterinarian certifies for export that all pet birds covered under this health certificate were inspected by the examining veterinarian issuing the health certificate and:

1. The bird(s) is/are exported in accordance with the laws of the exporting country.
2. Examination of the bird occurred within 30 days of US arrival and showed no evidence of communicable diseases of poultry.
3. That insofar as has been possible to determine, the birds were not exposed to Newcastle disease, highly pathogenic avian influenza, chlamydiosis, or other communicable disease of poultry during the 90 days immediately preceding their exportation.
4. The bird(s) were not vaccinated against any H5 or H7 subtype of avian influenza.
5. The bird(s) were not vaccinated against Newcastle disease within 21 days prior to export
6. The birds were placed in new or appropriately sanitized packing materials at the premise from which the export process began.

*****Certificate shall be valid for 30 days from date of issue*****

The official veterinarian must endorse the examining veterinarian's signature OR the official veterinarian's signature and government seal may be used alone if the official veterinarian conducted the inspection.

Examining Veterinarian:

Name of Examining Veterinarian (Printed)	Signature of Examining Veterinarian	Date
_____	_____	_____

Official Veterinarian:

Name of Official Veterinarian (Printed)	Signature and Seal of Official Veterinarian	Date
_____	_____	_____

GUIDANCE FOR COMPLETING THE VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE EXPORT OF PET BIRDS TO THE UNITED STATES FROM COUNTRIES OTHER THAN CANADA

This document provides guidance to pet bird owners and to veterinarians authorized by the Competent Veterinary Authority of the exporting country (where the birds live prior to departure to the United States) in issuing health certificates for export of pet birds into the United States. Pet birds must be accompanied by a valid export health certificate and an import permit from USDA, both issued within 30 days from the date of U.S. arrival. Model health certificates containing the required statements and attestation, as well as a summary of U.S. import requirements for pet birds, can be found on the USDA Pet Travel website ([Bring a Pet Bird into the United States \(usda.gov\)](https://www.usda.gov/pet-travel)). This document follows the format of the model health certificates on the Pet Travel website, to assist in understanding the information required by USDA and completing the certificates.

Only shipments of five (5) or less birds may import as pet birds. Shipments of six (6) or more birds are considered commercial shipments and must use a different health certificate (see [Importing Commercial Birds into the United States | Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service \(usda.gov\)](https://www.usda.gov/pet-travel)).

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Applicants do not need to complete both box 1 and box 2. Complete one or the other as defined in box 1 and box 2.

Box 1. *Consigner: shipper/owner refers to the person who owns the bird(s) in a shipment and the person responsible for communication for the shipment. Provide name, address, country, and U.S. contact information such as telephone number and/or email address.*

Box 2. *Receiver of shipment in the U.S: Responsible for the shipment in lieu of the owner. Provide name, address, and U.S. contact information such as telephone number and/or email address.*

Box 3. *Country of export: Country where the bird(s) immediately prior to export to the United States; the veterinary health certificate should be issued in the country of export.*

Box 4. *Date of shipment: Date the bird left the country of origin/ country of export.*

Box 5. *Country of destination: United States of America*

Box 6. *Destination State: The U.S. State where the bird(s) will reside after import requirements have been met.*

Box 7. *Port of embarkation: Name of port of exit where the pet bird(s) will exit the country of export*

Box 8. *Means of transport: Specify air, sea, or land.*

Box 9. *Description of commodity: Pet bird*

Box 10. *Commodities intended use: Pet. Imported for the personal pleasure of their owners and not intended for resale.*

Box 11. *Total number of shipping containers: Indicate the number of containers that hold birds.*

Box 12. *Identification of birds: Provide the information in the table for each bird, including name and/or identification (microchip, leg band, or tattoo), species/breed, physical description (e.g., color), approximate age (months/years) and approximate weight in grams. Note: U.S.-origin pet birds weighing over 100 grams seeking the option of home (vs. Federal) quarantine must be identified by microchip, leg band, or tattoo. The individual identification of each bird must be listed on the certificate. Identification information for other pet birds is not required but may be provided. Importers with pet birds that are microchipped must provide a microchip reader to use to read the chip at the U.S. port of entry. More information on import quarantine is available on the APHIS Pet Bird webpage*

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Page 2 contains the health certifications / requirements for import of the pet bird(s) into the United States. Pet birds that do not meet these requirements are not eligible for importation. The pet bird(s) must be inspected, and Page 2 completed by a veterinarian authorized to do so by the national Competent Veterinary Authority (CVA) of the exporting country. This

could typically be an examining (private) veterinarian or a salaried (official) veterinarian of the CVA; however, in some countries, only an official CVA veterinarian is approved to complete health certificate documents. If an examining veterinarian completes the health certificate, it must be endorsed by an official CVA veterinarian (signature and stamp). The importer should contact the CVA of the exporting country to determine the specific requirements.

Contact information for additional questions:

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Telephone Number: (301) 851-3300

Email for import questions: LAIE@usda.gov

Email for permit-related questions: LAIpermits@usda.gov

For quarantine-related questions:

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USDA-APHIS-VS

6300 NW 36 St.

Miami, FL 33122

Phone: 305-876-2200

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New York Animal Import Center

USDA-APHIS-VS

474 International Blvd.

Rock Tavern, NY 12575

Phone: 845-838-5500

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vspsnic@usda.gov