

Export Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999

Standards Branch, Animal and Animal Products Directorate, Ministry for Primary Industries

Ref: AE-US-19L

Date: 20 February 2014

AVIPETEC.US 24 FEBRUARY 2014 – PET BIRDS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60, section 60A, section 62(1) and section 167 of the Animal Products Act 1999 I notify the following:

- (i) the issue under section 60 of the export requirements for pet birds to the United States of America AVIPETEC.US dated 24 February 2014;
- (ii) the revocation and replacement of the export requirements for pet birds to the United States of America AVIPETEC.USA 06.09.11;
- (iii) the determination under section 62(1) of the format and content of the official assurance for pet birds to the United States of America.

This notice takes effect from the 24th February 2014.

Dated at Wellington this 21st day of February 2014.

Signed: Howard Pharo
Manager Import and Export Animals
Animal and Animal Products Directorate
Standards Branch
(acting under delegated authority)

2. United States of America requirements

Pet birds exported from New Zealand to the United States of America must be accompanied by an official assurance in the form of a completed zoosanitary certificate.

The zoosanitary certificate as specified below must be completed and certified, after due enquiry, by an Official Veterinarian of the Ministry for Primary Industries.

Explanatory note:

If the zoosanitary certificate is not certified then the pet birds do not satisfy the conditions in the notice. Likewise, if the pet birds do not satisfy the zoosanitary requirements in the certificate, then the certificate will not be certified.



Certificate No:

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Commodity: PET BIRDS

To: THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND

Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Import Permit Number:

I: IDENTIFICATION OF BIRD(S)

Species/Breed	Sex	Age	Description/Identification

Total number of birds:

II: ORIGIN OF BIRD(S)

Name and address of exporter/consignor:

Name and address of the establishment of origin:

III: DESTINATION OF BIRD(S)

Name and address of consignee:

Means and identification of transport:

EXPORT CERTIFICATION
(This is not part of the official certification)

COMMODITY: PET BIRDS

COUNTRY: THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NOTES This is a replacement export certificate. The only changes are the addition of three new clauses as per USDA's new import permit and removal of the vaccination option for Newcastle Disease. The certificate was approved on 21 February 2014 by the Avian Import Specialist at USDA/APHIS/VS.

1. The USDA defines pet birds as those that are imported for personal pleasure of their individual owners and are not intended for resale. Birds which the USDA defines as poultry, including doves and pigeons, are not considered pets and are imported under different conditions.
2. An Import Permit is required
3. All non-USA origin pet birds imported into the United States (except from Canada) are required to be quarantined for 30 days in a USDA animal import quarantine facility at the owner's expense. A reservation at the facility must be made in advance by contacting the USDA port veterinarian at one of the special ports-of-entry listed below. A cost estimate for the quarantine will be provided at that time. Once the reservation is made and payment is received in full for the quarantine services, the animal import quarantine facility will issue a USDA import permit (apply using VS Form 17-129). This permit and the health certificate (in original) must accompany the bird while in transit. The documents should be attached to the outside of the bird's carrier.
4. All non-USA origin pet birds must enter the country and undergo quarantine at one of the following import quarantine facilities. No other stops in the USA are permitted before the quarantine port. These are the only ports of entry available for importing non-USA origin pet birds:

New York Animal Import Center USDA, APHIS, VS 200 Drury Lane Rock Tavern, NY 12575 Telephone: (718) 553-3570 Fax (718) 553-3572	Miami Animal Import Center USDA-APHIS-VS 6300 NW 36 Street Miami, FL 33122 Telephone (305) 876-2200 Fax (305) 876-2201	Los Angeles, California USDA, APHIS, VS 222 Kansas Street El Segundo, CA. 90245 Telephone (310) 955-3311 Fax (310)725-9119
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A list of the user fees can be found at the following link:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/mrpbs/fmd/vs_import_export_fees.shtml

5. In the United States, the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) regulates the importation of birds protected by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992 (WBCA). These regulations are part of an international conservation effort to protect exotic wild birds subject to trade. Most exotic pet birds including parrots, parakeets, macaws, lorries, and cockatoos are affected by CITES and the WBCA. However, the budgerigar, cockatiel and rosy-faced lovebirds are exempt.

According to the WBCA, in order to import a pet bird of non-USA origin into the USA, you must have continuously resided outside of the USA for at least one year. In addition, the WBCA limits the number of pet birds that can be imported to two birds per person, per year. All required WBCA and CITES permits must accompany the birds while in transit.

Please visit the FWS web site at <http://permits.fws.gov/> to obtain more information and the permit application. If you have any questions you can contact the FWS at (800) 358-2104. Overseas calls should be placed to (703) 358-2104.

6. If you need additional information about importing pet birds into the USA, please contact the:
USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services
National Import and Export Services
4700 River Road, Unit 39
Riverdale, MD 20737
Telephone (301) 851-3360 option 2
Fax (301)734-6402
7. In reference to clause 5 in the export certificate, the list of countries should be checked against the list contained on the APHIS website at:
http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/ourfocus/importexport?1dmy&urile=wcm%3apath%3a%2Faphis_content_library%2Fsa_our_focus%2Fsa_animal_health%2Fsa_import_into_us%2Fsa_entry_requirements%2Fsa_avian%2Fct_nonus_pet_bird
8. In reference to clause 2 in the export certificate, 'areas under quarantine' refer to areas under movement restrictions due to avian disease outbreaks.
9. The importer must contact a USDA port veterinarian or a USDA Animal Import Centre no later than three (3) business days in advance of arrival of the bird(s) to coordinate the import process.
10. The certificate must be dated within thirty (30) days of the time the bird is shipped to the USA. The certificate which accompanies the bird should be the original.

Section 61A of the Animal Products Act 1999 states that 'The Crown is not liable, and nor is the Director-General or any employee of the Ministry liable, for any loss arising through the refusal or failure of the relevant authority of an overseas market to admit export animal material or animal product to that market'.