

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

THE ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT (CHAP.7)

**VETERINARY CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF PET ANIMALS -- BIRDS
(OTHER THAN DOMESTIC BIRDS) (1/2)****I COUNTRY OF EXPORT**

Any country.

II PURPOSE

Any purpose.

III IMPORT PERMIT

Each consignment of birds shall be accompanied by a valid Import Permit issued by the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) of Singapore.

IV VETERINARY CERTIFICATION

Each consignment of birds shall be accompanied by a veterinary certificate dated within seven (7) days of import signed by a government veterinary authority or registered veterinarian of the country of export and endorsed by the government veterinary authority, giving details of the consignment (consignor, consignee, quantity and species or breed of birds) and certifying to the effect that

- (i) the country has been free from highly pathogenic avian influenza and velogenic Newcastle Disease for the past six (6) months prior to export;
- (ii) the birds have been examined at the time of export and found to be clinically healthy and free from any signs of infectious diseases.

V DECLARATION FROM MASTER/CAPTAIN OF SHIP/AIRCRAFT

Not required.

VI QUARANTINE

No quarantine if documents are in order and birds are clinically healthy upon arrival.

VII APPLICATION FOR IMPORT PERMIT

The owner or his agent must apply for the Import Permit by submitting the completed application form to the Import & Export Division at least one week prior to the date of importation.

VIII NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVAL

The owner or his agent shall contact the Quarantine Office as stated in the Import Permit at least one working day before the arrival of the animals.

IX VETERINARY INSPECTION

On arrival at the port of disembarkation in Singapore, the birds and documents (Import Permit, Veterinary Health Certificate) shall be presented to and examined by an authorised Veterinary Officer. If the consignment of birds is found to be healthy and documents are in order, the birds shall be released to the importer or owner, otherwise the birds shall be taken straight to the AVA's quarantine premises or approved quarantine premises.

X PENALTY

- (i) Any consignment of bird arriving without a veterinary health certificate or suspected to be infected with disease shall be quarantined for a minimum of seven (7) days either at AVA's quarantine premises or AVA-designated quarantine premises.
- (ii) If birds are quarantined in non-AVA premises, the importer or owner shall report any sickness or death of any bird to the Head/Import & Export Division, and such bird may not be disposed of without his permission.
- (iv) Specimens and birds may be subject to laboratory tests.

XI FEES

- (i) Import Permit)
- (ii) Veterinary inspection and processing of documents) see Fee Schedule: Attachment-2
- (iii) Accommodation/Detention Fee at Changi Animal &)
Plant Quarantine Unit)

XII OTHER REQUIREMENTS/INFORMATION

(i) Under The Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act, bird species listed in the Appendices of CITES (Convention On International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora) must also be accompanied by a CITES import permit issued by AVA and an export/re-export certificate from the country of export/origin of the bird. Application for the CITES import permit should be made at least two weeks prior to the date of importation by submitting the completed application form to the Import & Export Division. The fee for CITES Permit is in Fee Attachment-2 attached.

- (ii) A Licence issued by AVA must be obtained to use any place for exhibition, sale or export of any animal or bird.
- (iii) Any expenditure incurred in the process of importation shall be borne by the importer.
- (iv) Regulations and fees are subject to change without notice notwithstanding the issuance of a licence/permit by AVA.
- (v) Birds include all birds other than domestic birds and include guinea fowls, partridges, parrots, parakeets, budgerigars, cockatoos, doves, pea fowls, swans, finches, and other birds intended for purposes other than for consumption.

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