

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 LICENCE

Each consignment of birds shall be accompanied by a valid Import Licence issued by the National Parks Board/Animal & Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS).

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) Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and H5 and H7 low pathogenicity avian influenza (LPAI) are notifiable diseases in the country of export;
- (ii) the country has been free from highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) for the past three (3) months prior to export;
- (iii) the country has been free from low pathogenicity avian influenza (LPAI) of the H5 and H7 subtypes for the past three (3) months prior to export;
- (iv) the country has been free from velogenic Newcastle Disease for the past six (6) months prior to export;
- (v) the birds were kept in isolation in a facility approved by the *government veterinary authority* since they were hatched or for the 21 days prior to shipment and showed no clinical signs of infectious diseases, including avian influenza, during the isolation period;
- (vi) during the isolation period at term (v) above, all birds, or a sample of birds from one consignment were subject to:

a. Virus isolation test for avian influenza virus and the test results are negative. The sample size should not be fewer than 30 birds. (Pooling is permitted with not more than 10 samples in each pool);

OR

b. Serology test for H5 and H7 avian influenza virus, using Agar Gel Immunodiffusion Test or Haemagglutination Inhibition Test and the test results are negative. The sample size should not be fewer 20 birds and the samples must be taken for testing within 7 days of export.

OR

c. RT-PCR test for avian influenza virus and the test results are negative. The sample size should not be fewer than 30 birds and the birds must be individually tested.

(For details of the methods, please refer to "OIE Manual of Standards for Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines")

- (vii) the birds were examined on the day of export and found to be free from any clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases;
- (viii) the birds are transported in new and clean containers, according to IATA requirements.

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 LICENCE

The owner or his agent must apply for the import licence by submitting an online application through GoBusiness Licensing Portal (<https://www.gobusiness.gov.sg/licences>) 30 days prior to the arrival of animals.

VIII NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVAL

The importer or agent must make an appointment for the pet's inspection by submitting an online booking request via Intelligent Food Approval & Safety Tracking System (iFAST) at <https://ifast.sfa.gov.sg/eserviceweb/>. Please ensure your NParks/AVS Import licence no. & flight details are ready and fill in the required information on your application. Inspections without any prior appointment will be charged \$80.00/hour or part thereof during office hours.

IX VETERINARY INSPECTION

On arrival at the port of disembarkation in Singapore, the birds and documents (Import Licence, 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 detained for further actions. The birds maybe subjected to sampling for testing purposes.

X PENALTY

All imports must comply fully with the conditions of the Import Licence and Veterinary Conditions, unless prior written approval has been obtained from NParks/AVS. Any consignment of animals or related products that do not meet the requirements may be detained, returned to the country of export or destroyed at the discretion of the Director-General, Animal Health and Welfare. In addition, the importer shall be guilty of an offence under the Animals and Birds Act Section 8(1) and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both."

XI FEES

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| (i) | Import Licence |) |
| (ii) | Accommodation at Changi Animal & Plant Quarantine Unit (CAPQ) |) see Fee Schedule: Attachment-2 |

XII OTHER REQUIREMENTS/INFORMATION

- (i) Under the Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act 2006, animal species listed in the Appendices to CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) **MUST** be accompanied by a CITES import permit issued by NParks and a CITES export/re-export certificate from the country of export/origin of the animal. Please refer to the CITES website at <http://www.cites.org> > Appendices for a list of animal(s) listed in the CITES Appendices. Application for the CITES import permit should be made at least 14 days prior to the date of importation by submitting the application online through GoBusiness Licensing Portal (<https://www.gobusiness.gov.sg/licences>). Please ensure that a copy of the CITES export/re-export certificate and a specimen report for the animal(s) are attached as supporting documents in the application. The original copy of the CITES export/re-export certificate must also be returned to NParks upon the import of the animal(s). The fee for CITES Permit is in Fee Attachment-2 attached.
- (ii) A Licence issued by NParks/AVS 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 NParks/AVS.
- (v) Birds include all birds other than domestic birds and include guinea fowls, partridges, parrots, parakeets, budgerigars, cockatoos, doves, peafowls, swans, finches, and other birds intended for purposes other than for consumption.

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