

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW .....

### BRINGING PET BIRDS



### INTO SINGAPORE

#### SOME FACTS.....

- \* Personal pet birds are imported for personal keeping or breeding and not for commercial purposes (eg. sale or breeding for sale).
- \* The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (**CITES**) is an international agreement to ensure that trade ceases to threaten wildlife with extinction. Singapore became a signatory to CITES in 1986 and regulates trade in endangered species through a system of permits. The National Parks Board (NParks) is the national CITES authority in Singapore (wef 1 Apr 2019).
- \* Some birds such as parrots (eg. macaws, cockatoos, amazons), are protected under the CITES, which means that the import of the birds into Singapore would require CITES permits.
- \* All parrots (*Psittaciformes spp.*), with the exception of 4 species, are protected under the CITES. The 4 non-CITES parrot species are the Peach-Faced lovebird (*Agapornis roseicollis*), Budgerigar (*Melopsittacus undulatus*), Cockatiel (*Nymphicus hollandicus*) and Ring-necked parakeet (*Psittacula krameri*).
- \* Certain parrots are listed as highly endangered species under **CITES Appendix I**. This listing means that commercial import/export/re-export of the bird is not allowed unless the bird is bred in captivity in operations or farms that are registered with the CITES or used for non-commercial purposes.

## STEPS TO IMPORT BIRDS

(1) Check if the bird is from a **bird-flu** affected country on AVS microsite



(2) Check if the bird can meet AVS' **import health requirements** on AVS microsite



(3) For CITES-listed birds, apply for the following documents before import:

- **CITES export/re-export permit** from exporting/re-exporting country
- **CITES import permit** from NParks using a copy of the foreign CITES export/re-export permit as supporting document.



(4) Apply for a **AVS import licence** within 30 days of import



(5) Make appointment online for inspection at Changi Animal and Plant Quarantine (CAPQ)



(6) Present **original** AVS import licence, CITES export/re-export permit and CITES import permit (for CITES-listed birds), health certificate and laboratory reports to AVS officers at CAPQ during inspection of birds

## MORE INFORMATION.....

### (Step 1) Bird-flu status of exporting/re-exporting country

- ☐ Check whether the country where you are importing the bird from is a bird-flu affected country on AVS microsite: <https://www.nparks.gov.sg/avs/animals-and-pets/bringing-animals-into-singapore-and-exporting/importing-export-and-transshipment>.
- ☐ Import of birds from bird-flu affected countries is not allowed due to disease concerns.

### (Step 2) AVS import veterinary conditions

- ☐ Check if the bird can meet AVS' import health requirements on AVS microsite: [Veterinary Conditions for Birds \(Other than Domestic birds\)](https://www.nparks.gov.sg/avs/animals-and-pets/bringing-animals-into-singapore-and-exporting/importing-export-and-transshipment) under <https://www.nparks.gov.sg/avs/animals-and-pets/bringing-animals-into-singapore-and-exporting/importing-export-and-transshipment>.
- ☐ The AVS' veterinary conditions include requirements such as pre-export isolation, laboratory tests, health certification, quarantine and inspection by AVS.

### (Step 3) Foreign CITES export/re-export permit and Singapore CITES import permit (for CITES-listed birds)

<b>CITES species?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Check if your bird is a CITES-protected species by entering the species name (scientific name) of the bird in the CITES species database: <a href="http://www.speciesplus.net/">http://www.speciesplus.net/</a> . If the species is listed, the details of the listing will appear in the search result as Appendix I, II or III.
<b>Obtain CITES export/re-export permit</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Check contact details of the CITES authority of the exporting/re-exporting country on the CITES website: <a href="https://cites.org/eng/parties/country-profiles/national-authorities">https://cites.org/eng/parties/country-profiles/national-authorities</a> for application and issuance of a CITES export/re-export permit.  <input type="checkbox"/> Check with the exporting/re-exporting country on their requirements before you import your bird.
<b>Apply for CITES import permit from NParks</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Apply online via GoBusiness website: <a href="https://www.gobusiness.gov.sg/licences">https://www.gobusiness.gov.sg/licences</a> and attach a softcopy of the foreign CITES export/re-export permit in your application, at least 2 working weeks before arrival of your bird.

	<input type="checkbox"/> Do not ship out the bird if you have not obtained all the necessary import documents from NParks/AVS to avoid delay in import clearance of your bird.
<b>Type of service</b>	<p>Normal</p> <p><i>*Express service is not applicable for CITES import permit applications.</i></p>
<b>Duration of processing &amp; issuance</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Generally within 7 working days from submission of complete application and supporting document. Approval of the application may take longer than 7 working days if verification of the foreign CITES export/re-export permit is necessary. <input type="checkbox"/> Any incomplete or incorrect submission may delay the processing time or may render your application to be rejected.
<b>CITES Permit fee</b>	<p>S\$60</p> <p>(Each CITES permit costs S\$12 per species subject to a minimum of S\$60 per consignment)</p>
<b>Status of application</b>	Check online via GoBusiness Portal for status of your application.
<b>Payment</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Online payment via GoBusiness Portal credit/debit card <input type="checkbox"/> Payment is required to be made in order to submit the application.
<b>Printing of CITES permit</b>	You may print the permit on your own and it is required to be printed on single-side, plain A4 white paper (normal 70 or 80gsm) in non-colour.
<b>Permit validity</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 180 days, no further extension <input type="checkbox"/> Both foreign CITES export/re-export permit and Singapore CITES import permit must be valid at the point of import of the consignment
<b>Usage of permit</b>	Each CITES import permit can only be used once for one consignment

#### (Step 4) NParks/AVS import licence

<b>Apply for Licence to Export Animals/Birds/ Eggs/Biologics</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Apply online via GoBusiness website: <a href="https://www.gobusiness.gov.sg/licences">https://www.gobusiness.gov.sg/licences</a> . Please note that the AVS import licence is valid for 30 days. <input type="checkbox"/> Quote the application number for the CITES import permit (for CITES-listed birds) under 'Remarks' field in your online application.
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	<input type="checkbox"/> For CITES-listed birds, you may apply for the CITES import permit and AVS import licence at the same time. The AVS import licence will only be processed after the CITES import permit is approved.	
<b>Type of service</b>	Normal	Express
<b>Duration of processing &amp; issuance</b>	Issuance within 2 working days from receipt of complete documents	Issuance within 1 working day from receipt of complete documents
<b>Licence fee</b>	S\$50	S\$100
<b>Status of application</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Check online via GoBusiness for status of your application.	
<b>Payment</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Online payment via GoBusiness by Paypal or credit/debit card under 'Payment' tab.	
<b>Printing of licence</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> You may print the licence on your own	
<b>Permit validity</b>	30 days	

- ☐ Make an appointment for the inspection of your consignment at CAPQ by submitting an online booking request via e-Service (<https://avs-eservices.nparks.gov.sg/eservices/>) at least 5 days before inspection, before 12.00pm.

<b>Changi Animal and Plant Quarantine Station</b> 113A Airport Cargo Road Changi Airfreight Centre Singapore 819985  Click <a href="#">here</a> for direction to CAPQ	<b>Operating hours:</b>  <u>Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays</u> 0900H - 2100H (Lunch break: 1300H – 1400H) Last appointment at 2030H <u>Tuesdays</u> 0900H - 1830H (Lunch break: 1300H – 1400H) Last appointment at 1800H <u>Saturdays</u> 1000H – 2100H (Lunch break: 1300H – 1400H) Last appointment at 2030H <u>Sunday and Public Holiday</u> Closed
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- ❑ Check with your airlines if there is any restriction or additional requirements for transporting pet birds.
- ❑ Present the **original** AVS import licence, CITES export/re-export permit and CITES import permit (for CITES-listed birds), health certificate, and laboratory reports to CAPQ officers when your pet bird arrives in Singapore.

### (Step 5 & 6) Clearance at Changi Animal and Plant Quarantine (CAPQ)

- ❑ Surrender the original foreign CITES export/re-export permit and health certificate to CAPQ.
- ❑ CAPQ officers will inspect the birds and endorse on the original CITES import permit and AVS import licence.
- ❑ Copies of the endorsed CITES import permit and AVS import licence will be kept by you.
- ❑ For more information on clearing your pets upon arrival in Singapore, please refer to our website: <https://www.nparks.gov.sg/avs/pets/bringing-animals-into-singapore-and-exporting/import-export-and-transshipment-of-other-animals/ornamental-birds>

### You may wish to know .....

- ❖ Certain species of cockatoo, macaw and amazon are highly endangered and protected under the **CITES Appendix I**. Check the listing of your bird on the CITES species database: <http://www.speciesplus.net/>.
- ❖ There are certain Appendix I bird species that are captive-bred by CITES-registered operations or farms for commercial purposes. The CITES register is available on CITES website: [https://cites.org/common/reg/e\\_cb.html](https://cites.org/common/reg/e_cb.html). If you are importing the Appendix I bird from CITES-registered operation, please follow the above procedure (step 1 to 6).
- ❖ For import of Appendix I birds that are not produced from CITES-registered operations, you must seek **in-principle approval** from NParks first before you submit your import application. Please email your request to us (see contact details below).

## Not sure? Need advice?

If you need clarifications or assistance on the import/re-export procedure, feel free to contact NParks

Contact	<a href="https://www.nparks.gov.sg/feedback">https://www.nparks.gov.sg/feedback</a>
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