



CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE IMPORTATION OF CAPTIVE CAGE BIRDS INTO THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

A. PERMIT TO IMPORT

All captive cage birds (e.g. parrots, budgerigars, lovebirds, finches, toucans) entering the Cayman Islands must be accompanied by an import permit issued by the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture. You must provide evidence that your animal complies with all of our import requirements before we will issue an Import Permit.

Completed application forms and copies of all required documents should be submitted to:

Veterinary Services
Department of Agriculture
P.O. Box 459, KY1-1106
Grand Cayman
Cayman Islands

Tel: (345) 947-3090
Email: CI.AgricultureVS@gov.ky

B. IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Under the Animals Law (2015 Revision) no animal of any description may be imported into the Islands from any country in Asia, Africa, Central and South America. Animals are also prohibited from Mexico, Cuba, Puerto Rico and Hispaniola.
- 2) Prior to an issuance of an import permit the importer must provide documentary evidence that the proposed habitat must provide a suitable environment to meet the physical and physiological needs of the relevant species.
- 3) All birds for importation shall be accompanied by a Health Certificate, issued within 14 days of scheduled date of travel to the Cayman Islands and endorsed by a full-time salaried veterinary officer of the National Government of the country from which the birds are to be exported, **stating**:-
 - a) that all birds covered by the certificate have been inspected by him and that no evidence of **Newcastle Disease, Avian Influenza, Avian Chlamydiosis (Psittacosis), West Nile virus** or other **communicable disease of birds** was found among the birds and, insofar as has been possible to determine, they were not exposed to any such disease during the 90 days immediately preceding their exportation;
 - b) that there has been no outbreak of Newcastle Disease, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, Avian Chlamydiosis (psittacosis), West Nile Virus, Equine Encephalomyelitis or any contagious disease of poultry in the past six months within a 50-km (30-mile) radius of the place of residence of the birds,
 - c) that the birds have been kept in vector proof quarantine conditions, either at an approved government quarantine station or at a location determined adequate by the government of the Cayman Islands, and under veterinary supervision, for a period of not less than 30 days, immediately prior to export to the Cayman Islands. [Home quarantine is acceptable provided there are no other untested birds in the house, the bird is kept inside, and there is no direct or indirect contact with other birds.
Your veterinarian certifies, on the Health certificate, that these requirements have been satisfied.]

During that time there has been no sign of disease, **and** they have been tested for Newcastle Disease, Avian Influenza, and West Nile Virus, with negative results. (by negative PCR on, or by negative virus isolation of, a tracheal, oropharangeal or cloacal swab).

- d) During this time, they have undergone treatment with chlortetracycline or other approved treatment for Chlamydiosis; or been tested for chlamydiosis with negative results
 - e) that such birds have **NOT** been vaccinated with Newcastle Disease vaccine.
 - f) The birds must be placed in clean new containers, designed to prevent the loss of excrement and to minimise the loss of feathers during transport, at the premises from which they are to be exported, must be transported directly to the port of export and must not come into contact with any other cage birds or poultry during this period.
- 4) A full description of the bird(s) including identification leg bands or microchips must be recorded on the certificate.

NOTES:

- Should the exporting country be unable to meet all of the certification requirements listed, a signed letter from the veterinary authorities of the exporting country, outlining which conditions cannot be met and the reasons why should accompany the application and health certificate. A Veterinary Officer of the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture may, at his discretion, then issue an import permit and impose additional conditions, either in the exporting country or upon arrival of the birds.
- These conditions apply only to pet cage birds such as parrots, budgerigars, canaries etc. and do not apply to poultry, pigeons or game birds.
- The Cayman Islands are signatories of the **Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)**. Therefore, in many cases, **CITES** certificates are required for certain bird species, especially **parrots**.
- A completed application form along with a copy of the health certificate and CITES documents if required, must be submitted to the Department of Agriculture for review. Application can be made by fax. **Do not send original copies of certificates when applying, as they must accompany the birds during shipment. Please send these well in advance of your intended date of travel.**
- The application fee may be in the form of a bank draft or international money order, payable to the Cayman Islands Government, in the amount of CI\$50 (US\$61) for every species requiring a CITES certificate and CI\$50.00 (US\$61.00) per consignment for any other birds.
- Once all the above conditions have been met and the appropriate fee paid as outlined above, the Department of Agriculture will issue an Import Permit. Allow 3 working days for processing of the documents.
- The import permit and the ORIGINAL health and CITES documents must be affixed to the container in which the birds are being transported.
- At least forty eight (48) hours notice of arrival must be given to the Veterinary Services section of the Department of Agriculture.
- **The Director or Veterinary Officer reserves the right to refuse entry or to impose additional conditions of entry on any bird for any reason.**



**CAYMAN ISLANDS
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

APPLICATION FOR THE IMPORTATION OF CAGE BIRDS

Please complete one form for each bird

Name/ID Number: _____

Name and Address of Importer (in full)

Date of Birth/Age: _____

Sex: _____

Species and Breed (Scientific and common names)

Description (colours & markings):

Carrier:

Estimated date & Time of Arrival*:

Is the bird CITES listed (Y/N) _____

Exporter:

Signature of Applicant:

Address of Exporter:

Date:

Place or Origin of Animal
State/Region/Country:

* If not available at the time of application,
48 hours notice of arrival must be given
