

INSTRUCTIONS

This form shall be completed by individuals wishing to bring their personally owned pet birds into the United States. Section A shall be filled out by the owner prior to importing the birds. This section provides information for reservation of space at a USDA quarantine facility located at one of the ports of entry listed below. Section B shall be filled out by the USDA port veterinarian and returned to the owner. Section C shall be completed by a National Government Veterinary officer of the country of origin within 30 days of the time the birds are shipped to the United States. Section D shall be completed by the port veterinarian on release of the birds at the end of the quarantine period.

1. Pet birds are birds which are used for the personal pleasure of their individual owners and are not intended for resale.

2. The term pet birds does not include chickens, ducks, geese, swans, turkeys, doves, pheasants, pigeons, grouse, partridges, quail, guinea fowl, peafowl or similar avian species.

3. Pet birds not qualifying under provision 5 or 6 below must undergo a 30-day quarantine at a USDA quarantine facility at one of the special ports for pet birds listed below. See item 7 for fuller details on quarantine.

4. Young hand-fed birds will not be accepted for importation under the Importation of Pet Bird Regulations.

5. Pet birds originating in the United States may be allowed entry without a 30-day quarantine requirement provided the birds are accompanied by a valid U.S. origin health certificate showing legband or tattoo identification which was issued prior to departure.

6. Pet birds offered for entry from Canada at one of the designated ports listed in 9 CFR 92.3, which are not known to be affected or exposed to any communicable disease of poultry, may be allowed entry without a 30-day quarantine. For details, please inquire of the Port Veterinarian listed below, or U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, Import Birds and Poultry, Federal Building, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

7. For advance reservation at a USDA quarantine facility, send the completed VS Form 17-23 and the quarantine fee (*U.S. currency*) payable to USDA-APHIS to the designated Port Veterinarian. (9 CFR 92.4 requires forfeiture of the fee when permit is not used after issuance.) After confirmation by the Port Veterinarian, the original and two copies of the form are returned to you, and ALL COPIES must accompany bird(s) to the port of entry.

8. Birds found to be infected with exotic Newcastle disease or other communicable diseases of poultry while in quarantine will be refused entry.

9. The owner of his designated representative agrees to pay all quarantine charges (*including special diets, medical expenses, laboratory fees, etc.*) deemed necessary by the Port Veterinarian. Payment must be made at the time birds are placed in quarantine.

10. Failure to: (a) provide a U.S. destination address, (b) pay all quarantine charges, or (c) remove the bird(s) from the quarantine facility within 5 working days following release from quarantine, constitutes abandonment and the bird(s) will be disposed of by USDA as deemed appropriate.

11. In most cases it will be necessary for the importer to utilize an import/export broker to handle the transportation to the quarantine station, financial arrangements at termination of quarantine, and shipment to final destination. Names of brokers may be obtained from Port Veterinarian listed below.

SPECIAL PORTS FOR IMPORTATION OF BIRDS

New York, NY

Port Veterinarian
JFK International Airport
Cargo Bldg. 80, Room 101
Jamaica, NY 11430

Miami, FL

Port Veterinarian
Concord Bldg. Suite 102
8120 N.W. 53rd Street
Miami, FL 33166

Hidalgo, TX

Port Veterinarian
1801 S. 77 Sunshine Strip
Harlingen, TX 78550
(512) 427-8911

San Ysidro, CA

Port Veterinarian
P.O. Box 126
San Ysidro, CA 92073

Los Angeles, CA

Port Veterinarian
9680 South La Cienega Blvd.
Inglewood, CA 90301
(213) 215-2352

Honolulu, HI

Port Veterinarian
P.O. Box 50001
Honolulu, HI 96850