

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
VETERINARY SERVICES**

APPLICATION/PERMIT FOR RATITE(S) OR RATITE HATCHING EGGS AND SPACE RESERVATION REQUEST

1. NUMBER & TYPE OF RATITE(S) OR RATITE HATCHING EGGS		2. LOCATION OF THE PREMISES WHERE THE FLOCK OF ORIGIN IS KEPT (Complete Mailing Address)	
3. ADDRESS OF PRIVATE QUARANTINE FACILITY (If Applicable)		4. NAME AND ADDRESS OF SHIPPER IN COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	
Telephone No.		Telephone No.	
5. PROPOSED ARRIVAL DATE	6. DATE OF THIS REQUEST	7. PORT OF EMBARKATION	
THIS PERMIT EXPIRES ON		8. NO. OF MATURE BREEDING HENS	9. TOTAL DEPOSIT ENCLOSED FOR LIVE RATITE(S) ONLY (Make checks payable to USDA, APHIS, VS)
10. COUNTRY OF ORIGIN		11. FARM OF ORIGIN (Owner's Name & Telephone No.)	
12. SUBMIT FORM TO: New York Animal Import Center USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services 200 Drury Lane Rock Tavern, NY 12575 (914) 564-2950			
OR			
Hawaii Animal Import Center USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services 3375 Koapaka Street, Suite H420 Honolulu, HI 96819 (808) 541-2803			
OR			
Port Veterinary in Charge of the Quarantine Facility			

13. REMARKS

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information provided herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and agree to comply with the applicable regulations in title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, §§92.100 through 92.107. If the permit is for live ratite(s), I understand and accept that the reservation fee is non-refundable if the ratite(s) do not arrive as per this confirmed reservation unless the Veterinarian in Charge at the Import Center is notified of cancellation, in writing, at least 15 working days prior to the scheduled time of arrival. All cancellations will have a \$40.00 fee deducted from the refund.

NOTE: Health Certificate on reverse must be executed. Failure to do so will result in rejection at the Port of Entry.

14. SIGNATURE OF IMPORTER	15. TYPE OR PRINT NAME
16. DATE SIGNED	17. IMPORTER'S ADDRESS (Complete Mailing Address)
18. TELEPHONE NO.	

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19. DATE RESERVATION RECEIVED	20. AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT RECEIVED	21. PERMIT NO.	22. BILLING CODE NO. (If Applicable)
23. NUMBER & TYPE OF RATITE(S) RESERVED		24. CONFIRMED ARRIVAL DATE	25. DATE OF SITE INSPECTION
26. NAME OF THE USDA REPRESENTATIVE APPROVING THE SITE INSPECTION		27. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL	28. DATE SIGNED

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

(Must be completed or endorsed by a salaried veterinarian of the National Government of the exporting country)

RATITE(S)

I certify that I personally inspected the ratite(s) and the flock of origin* immediately prior to exportation described in Item 1 and that no evidence of Newcastle disease, ornithosis, or other communicable diseases of poultry was found, nor insofar as has been possible to determine, were the ratites exposed to any such disease during the 90 days immediately prior to the exportation date. The ratites were placed in unused shipping containers free of hay, straw, grasses, wood chips, sawdust, or other materials likely to harbor ectoparasites at the premises of origin and insofar as is known, the ratite(s) to be shipped have not been vaccinated with Newcastle disease vaccine. Newcastle disease has not occurred on the premises of origin nor on adjacent premises during the 90-day period immediately prior to exportation and these premises are not located in an area under quarantine for any poultry disease during the preceding 90 days.

I further certify that the ratite(s) in the shipment (No. of birds _____) were produced by and maintained in a pen-raised flock* and were treated with a pesticide of a type and concentration sufficient to kill ectoparasites at least 3 days but not more than 14 days before shipment to the United States. The pesticide was applied under my supervision, to all body surfaces and after being treated they did not have physical contact with or share a pen or bedding materials with any ratite not in the same shipment to the United States.

*When ratites intended for importation are zoological birds, only the ratites to be imported must be inspected, and the birds do not have to be from a pen-raised flock.

RATITE HATCHING EGGS

I certify that I personally inspected the flock of origin immediately prior to exportation described in item 1 and that no evidence of Newcastle disease, ornithosis, or other communicable diseases of poultry was found, nor insofar as has been possible to determine, were the ratites exposed to any such disease during the 90 days immediately prior to the exportation date. The ratite hatching eggs were placed in unused shipping containers at the premises from which the eggs were to be exported. The shipping containers were free of hay, straw, grasses, wood chips, sawdust, or other materials likely to harbor ectoparasites. Newcastle disease has not occurred on the premises of origin nor on adjacent premises during the 90-day period immediately prior to exportation and these premises are not located in an area under quarantine for any poultry disease during the preceding 90 days.

I further certify that the ratite hatching eggs (No. of eggs _____) were produced by a pen-raised flock.

CERTIFICATION

This hereby certifies compliance with the application certification above for the import shown in Item 1 on the face of this form. I further certify that the ratite(s)/eggs were produced in compliance with 9 CFR Part 92 and specifically: (1) all ostriches from this premise are microchipped with two possible exceptions: chicks less than 24 hours old; and if this premise was approved by USDA - APHIS before March 8, 1994, in which case all chicks and flock additions must be microchipped but adult ostriches already in the flock are not required to be microchipped until the next APHIS inspection. Microchipping of chicks must be in the pipping muscle. The location for microchipping ostriches, other than chicks is not addressed in our regulations; (2) no wild caught ratite(s) have been added to the source flock since March 8, 1994; (3) shipment is within quota (ceiling) established jointly by USDA and Officials of the Exporting Country; (4) the registry is complete, accurate and up-to-date. The registry is being reported to the National Veterinary Service of the exporting country quarterly. The register contains (a) the number of live ratites hatched in the flock or added to the flock and the microchip numbers; (b) the number of live ratites removed from the flock and the microchip numbers; (c) the number of eggs produced in the flock and the date of production; (d) the number of eggs removed from the flock; and (e) the number of eggs in incubator/hatcher; (5) any flock additions have been approved by the National Veterinary Service prior to movements; (6) no additions of ratites have occurred during this production season (from date of first egg produced to date last egg produced) (7) all eggs on premises are identified by premise and country codes and the date of production on the date of production with indelible ink; and (8) two random inspections of premises have or will be done during the production season.

NAME OF PESTICIDE		CONCENTRATION	DATE OF TREATMENT
TYPE OR PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS OF VETERINARIAN ISSUING CERTIFICATE		TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF ENDORSING OFFICIAL	
		TITLE OF ENDORSING OFFICIAL	
SIGNATURE OF VETERINARIAN ISSUING CERTIFICATE	DATE	SIGNATURE OF ENDORSING OFFICIAL	DATE

RESPONSIBILITIES

THE U.S. IMPORTER must forward the "Original" and "Carrier's Copy" to the shipper in the country of origin. The U.S. Importer shall make arrangements at the U.S. port of entry for Customs broker's service if desired, and shall arrange for necessary quarantine space and transportation of the shipment to and from quarantine, when required. Retain "Importer's Copy."

THE SHIPPER in the country of origin must make certain that the Health Certificate is completed by a full-time salaried veterinary officer of the national government of the exporting country, or issued by a veterinarian authorized or accredited by the national government of the exporting country and endorsed by a full-time salaried veterinary officer of the national government of that country. Deliver the "Original" and "Carrier's Copy" to the initial transporting carrier.

THE VETERINARY OFFICER of the National Government in charge of the animal disease programs in the country of origin may have been forwarded a copy of this permit in order that they can determine whether the necessary inspections and certification on the "Original" can be completed.

THE INITIAL CARRIER must make certain that the Health Certificate has been issued and endorsed (signed) by a salaried veterinary officer of the National Government of the country from which the ratite(s) or ratite hatching eggs are shipped; make sure that the Original Health Certificate accompanies the ratite(s) or ratite hatching eggs to the U.S. port of entry; and make certain that the "Carrier's Copy" is available for the final carrier who will transport the shipment to the U.S. port of entry.

VS VETERINARIAN AT PORT OF ENTRY will hold the "Customs Copy" until the shipment is received, then forward it to the U.S. Collector of Customs. The signed "Original" Health Certificate will be retained by the VS veterinarian at the U.S. port of entry.