

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

IMPORTATION OF PET BIRDS
(Personally Owned)

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SECTION A - APPLICATION FOR ADVANCE RESERVATION AT A USDA QUARANTINE FACILITY

1. NAME AND U.S. MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Include Zip Code) TELE: AC ()	2. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER OR SHIPPER IN COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
3. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF IMPORT - EXPORT BROKER (If applicable) (Include Zip Code) TELE: AC ()	4. ANTICIPATED DATE OF ENTRY INTO THE U.S.

I hereby request reservation of quarantine space for my pet bird(s) at a USDA Quarantine facility, and agree to pay the Department for all quarantine services provided in conjunction with the quarantine prior to the release of the bird(s) from quarantine. To the best of my knowledge, the bird(s) are healthy and have not been exposed to any communicable disease of poultry, however, I understand that if the bird(s) are found to be diseased during quarantine, they will be refused entry. Further, I agree to arrange for and pay for all transportation and other incidental costs related to this importation, to remove said bird(s) from the quarantine facility within 5 working days after receipt of notice of release; and to waive any claim for liability against the Department which may be related to the quarantine. Further, I understand that my failure to remove the bird(s) after notice will constitute abandonment, and that USDA will dispose of said bird(s) as they deem appropriate.

5. DATE OF APPLICATION	6. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (OR AGENT) (Before signing see items 10 and 11 of instructions on reverse)	NOTE: Return ALL copies of this form to the Port Veterinarian. The quarantine fee must accompany this application. Please send only a U.S. money order, certified check, or personal check payable to "USDA-APHIS".
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SECTION B - RESERVATION BY USDA-PORT VETERINARIAN

7. DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	8. RESERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED: <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> A. Reservation No. _____ B. Expiration Date _____ C. Port of Entry _____ </div> <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> REJECTED (Give reason(s)) </div>
9. DATE APPROVED OR REJECTED	10. SIGNATURE OF PORT VETERINARIAN

SECTION C - HEALTH CERTIFICATE (The following certification must be signed by a full-time salaried veterinary officer of the national government of the country of export within 30 days of the time the bird(s) are shipped to the United States)

I certify that I personally inspected the bird(s) listed below and found them to be free of evidence of Newcastle disease, Ornithosis and other communicable diseases of poultry, and that the bird(s) are being exported in compliance with the laws and regulations of the country of export.

11. IDENTIFICATION OF BIRD(S) <table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width:33%;">COMMON NAME</th> <th style="width:33%;">SCIENTIFIC NAME</th> <th style="width:33%;">IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (If Available)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (If Available)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	12. CERTIFIED BY: <table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:75%; padding: 5px;">A. SIGNATURE OF VETERINARY OFFICER</td> <td style="width:25%; padding: 5px;">B. DATE CERTIFIED</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="padding: 5px;">C. NAME, TITLE AND ADDRESS OF CERTIFYING VETERINARY OFFICER (Type or Print)</td> </tr> </table>	A. SIGNATURE OF VETERINARY OFFICER	B. DATE CERTIFIED	C. NAME, TITLE AND ADDRESS OF CERTIFYING VETERINARY OFFICER (Type or Print)	
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SECTION D - ENTRY AND QUARANTINE RELEASE OF BIRD(S) IDENTIFIED IN SECTION C

13. DATE OF ENTRY OR DATE REFUSED ENTRY	15. CHARGES A. Quarantine \$ _____ B. Advance Fee _____ C. Prepayment _____ D. Balance Due _____ E. Total Collected \$ _____	16. DATE OWNER/BROKER NOTIFIED TO PICK-UP BIRD(S) OR REFUSED ENTRY
14. ENTRY NO.		17. DATE BIRD(S) RELEASED
		18. SIGNATURE OF PORT VETERINARIAN

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, Aimal 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