



## NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



October 25, 2005

**Subject: Import Restrictions on Birds from H5N1 Countries-Update**

**Background:** Prompted by outbreaks of avian flu (H5N1 subtype), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced a ban on the importation of birds, and their parts and products, from eight Southeast Asian countries in 2004. Since that time, the restrictions have been continually updated as additional countries confirm the presence of H5N1.

As one of the agencies authorized to regulate the import and export of wildlife and wildlife products, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will continue to assist in enforcing these restrictions.

**Action:** These restrictions apply to all live birds including pets, as well as bird parts and products. The wildlife trade community should be aware of the changing nature of these restrictions.

For additional information on pet birds and commercial shipments (including zoological display, research, and performing birds), contact the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's National Center for Import and Export at (301) 734-3277 or visit [http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/s.7.0.A/7.0.1OB?navid=AVIAN\\_INFLUENZA&navtype=SU](http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/s.7.0.A/7.0.1OB?navid=AVIAN_INFLUENZA&navtype=SU).

**Contact:**

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Office of Law Enforcement  
703-358-1949; 703-358-2271 (fax)  
[lawenforcement@fws.gov](mailto:lawenforcement@fws.gov) (e-mail)