

BERMUDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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IMPORTATION OF BIRDS into BERMUDA

- The Conditions of Entry are subject to change at short notice in response to changes in disease status of country of origin.
- The Department of Environment and Natural Resources has the right to inspect the property where the animal(s) will be kept prior to issuing an Import Permit.

The following conditions must have been met before an Import Permit can be issued:-

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. An application for permission to import must be filed in advance with the Bermuda Department of Environment and Natural Resources.
2. The importer must file a veterinary certificate with the Bermuda Department of Environment and Natural Resources, no more than 10 days in advance of the animal's arrival. The veterinary certificate must have been issued within 10 days of the animal's arrival, and must include the following statements:
 - The bird is free from any communicable disease.
 - The premises of origin in not infected with any communicable disease.
 - The bird is free from psittacosis as determined by the complement fixation or agar gel immune-diffusion test or has received chlortetracycline treatment for 30 days prior to shipment.
 - No Newcastle disease has occurred within 30 miles of the premises during the previous 90 days.
 - The bird has not been exposed to wild birds during the previous 45 days.
 - For birds included in the appendices of CITES (Convention for the International Trade of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna & Flora), a CITES Export Certificate must be faxed together with the Health Certificate. This requirement applies to all birds of the Psittacine family (parrots) as well as several other common species. Additionally, for animals having the highest level of protection, a CITES Import Certificate must be issued, and this must occur first.

THE PROCEDURE

- Within 10 days of the animal's arrival into Bermuda, have the animal examined by your avian veterinarian to obtain a health certificate and related veterinary documents. These documents should be endorsed by your state / federal / national veterinary service or a government accredited veterinarian.
- FAX the veterinary documents to this office at 441-232-0046. We will reply with an Import Permit by return FAX, usually within 1-2 business days. Ensure that your FAX number is shown. The **FAX** Import Permit and the **ORIGINAL** veterinary certificates MUST accompany the animal(s) upon arrival.

IMPORT PERMITS ARE ONLY VALID FOR 10 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE VETERINARY CERTIFICATE.

THIS OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO IMPORT ANIMALS

Applicants Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Nos.: Work: _____ ; Home: _____

Fax number to where permit should be sent: _____

Genus & species of animal(s) to be imported: _____

Number of animals to be imported: _____

Sex (or estimate sex ratio if more than one animal is to be imported) _____

Country and locality of origin (Include name and address of supplier or previous owner and any other knowledge you may have on the animal you wish to import): _____

Briefly outline; (a) Why you wish to import the animal. _____

(b) What knowledge you have of the husbandry (care) of the animal you wish to import.

(c) The facilities you have for housing the animal you wish to import.

Method of transport: _____

Estimated date of arrival: _____

Departmental Officers comments and restrictions: _____

Director's Approval: _____ Date: _____