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**CONDITIONS FOR IMPORTATION OF BIRDS**

**The following conditions must be met before entry into the territory can be granted:**

1. Bird(s) must be accompanied by a **Health Certificate** issued by the **\*Veterinary Authority** of the country of origin stating: -
  - a) That there has been no outbreak of New Castle Disease or Avian Influenza (Fowl Plague) in the state or country of origin/export for the last three(3) years.
  - b) That the breeding flock(s) and their parent flock(s) is/are registered and/or officially recognized as being in good standing by the Veterinary Authority of the country of origin.
  - c) That the bird(s) was/were inspected on the day of exportation and showed no clinical signs of infectious diseases.
  - d) That the bird(s) originated from flocks, aviaries, or establishments tested and certified free of Psittacosis; or have undergone forty-five (45) days treatment with Clortetracycline immediately prior to entry into the territory (otherwise, quarantine and treatment will be carried out upon arrival with associated cost to be borne by owner) or have undergone a period of not less than thirty (30) days quarantine in the country with no clinical manifestation of the disease; or that the state or country is free of clinical psittacosis in pet birds and domestic fowls.
2. The bird(s) must be found clinically healthy on arrival at the port of entry.
3. **All required conditions must be met, and all relevant documents (import permit, Veterinary Health Certificate, Vaccination Certificate, Laboratory Test results, etc.) must be submitted at the port of entry in order to facilitate Veterinary clearance. Failure to comply can result in animals being kept in a facility, deportation or euthanasia.**

4. The Veterinary Unit must be given at least 48 hrs. notice of confirmed arrival date, time, airline/vessel and port of entry. This is to avoid delays in the clearance of the animal(s) at the port of entry.
5. In the event that during the course of transporting the animal, it was trans-shipped via another country and remained there for twenty-four (24) hours and over, a veterinary certificate from the competent authority or from the quarantine Officer must be obtained stating that the said animal(s) did not leave the quarantine area, noting the period of time in quarantine and the condition of the animal.
6. Animal(s) must be kept in confinement (carrier) until granted entry into the territory. Failure to do so can result in entry being denied.

**\* An Official Health Certificate is a document issued and certified by a veterinarian working full time with the Government of the country of origin (e.g. USDA, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, DEFRA, etc.). It is deemed valid for 30days after the date of issue.**

These conditions are subject to changes. Kindly ensure that you obtain an import permit for all animals you wish to bring into the Territory.

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