

VETERINARY CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORT OF CAPTIVE BIRDS (other than poultry) INTO INDIA

Exporting country:

Ministry of:

Department:

Province or District, etc.:

I. Identification of the bird/s

Number	Mark	Species	Sex	Age

II. Origin of the bird/s

Name and address of the exporter:

Place of origin of the bird/s:

III. Destination of the bird/s

Country of destination:

Name and address of consignee:

Nature and identification of means of transport:

Type of containers:

IV. Sanitary information

The undersigned Official Veterinarian certifies that the birds described above and examined on this day:

(a) shows/show no clinical sign of diseases -- New Castle disease (Ranikhet disease), Mycoplasmosis (M. gallisepticum), Fowl typhoid (Salmonella gallinarum), Fowl pox, Avian infectious laryngotracheitis, Avian tuberculosis, Psittacosis-Ornithosis (Avian Chlamydiosis), Fowl cholera (Pasteurellosis), Avian encephalomyelitis, Avian circovirus infection, Avian J virus, African Nile virus and Inclusion body hepatitis.

(b) Satisfies/satisfy the following requirements:

1. The country is free from Avian Influenza (Both Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and Low Avian Influenza).
2. The birds come from an establishment or a hatchery where - Newcastle disease (Ranikhet disease), Mycoplasmosis (M. gallisepticum), Fowl typhoid (Salmonella gallinarum), Fowl pox, Avian infectious laryngotrachitis, Avian tuberculosis, Psittacosis-Ornithosis, Fowl cholera (Pasteurellosis), Avian encephalomyelitis, Avian circovirus infection Avian J virus, African Nile virus and Inclusion body hepatitis have been reported since past 12 months and have been tested and found negative against these diseases 30 days prior to export.
3. The birds come from an establishment or a hatchery which is regularly inspected by official Veterinary Authority of Federal/Union Government.
4. The birds were subjected to serological diagnostic tests for
 - a. Mycoplasmosis on two occasions at the beginning and at the end of the quarantine period prior to shipment and found negative,
 - b. S. Pullorum/ S. Gallinarum disease with negative results.
5. **The captive birds come from the establishment or hatchery which follows EU standards as per EU regulations for the import of captive birds and regularly inspected by official veterinary Authority of Federal/Union Government of exporting country'** and which comply with the standards referred to in Appendix of OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code.
6. The exporting country should have conducted a sero-surveillance within 45 days ahead of export and the status in respect of HPAI (H5&H7-subtypes) should be negative.
7. The birds to be imported should not have been vaccinated against Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5&H7 subtype). If any other vaccine, except the above is used, the same has to be indicated along with the type and name of vaccine and strain, name & address of manufacturer, date of manufacture and history/schedule of vaccination.
8. The birds were kept in a quarantine station for not less than 30 days prior to shipment.
9. The birds were kept under veterinary supervision for the 45 days prior to shipment and were treated against Psittacosis-Ornithosis (Avian Chlamydiosis) using chlortetracycline.
10. The birds are shipped in new, fresh, clean and disinfected packages.

Official Stamp:

Issued at _____ on _____
Name and address of Veterinarian

Signature: _____

POST IMPORT REQUIREMENTS:

1. On arrival in India the consignment (along with documents) will be checked by the Regional Officer/ Quarantine Officer.
2. The birds will be kept under observation for a period not less than 30 days at a government quarantine station.
3. The imported stock should be subjected to serum antibody detection on the day of arrival and 21 days after. Approximately 5% of the birds need to be sampled for this purpose. The cost will be borne by the importer.
4. In case of positive findings appropriate action shall be taken by the importer as per the direction of the Government ("at the cost of importing agency").

(L.H.Unit)

This is regarding the request of M/S Nariman Breeding and Research Centre Pvt. Ltd regarding the veterinary certificate/health protocol framed by India side for allowing the import of captive birds. M/S Nariman has requested to revise the health protocol, as some of the avian diseases indicated in the protocol are not related to captive birds. It has also been mentioned that captive birds are very delicate and cannot be kept in quarantine by the importing country as even normal healthy birds would not be able to survive such stringent tests .

Both the issues were examined in consultation with Dr.J.M Kataria,director, National Institute of Animal Health, Baghpat(UP). Dr.Kataria had earlier been Head of Department of Poultry Diseases at IVRI, Izzatnagar. Dr.Kataria has suggested that following diseases indicated in the health protocol do not belong to captive birds.

1. Infectious Bursal Disease (Gumboro disease),
2. Mareks disease,
3. Pullorum disease [Salmonella pullorum),
4. Avian Infectious Bronchitis,
5. Salmonella enteritidis,
6. Salmonella typhimurium,
7. Egg Drop Syndrome(EDS]

The diseases pointed out in the protocol has shown by putting line on the diseases in the protocol placed at F/A in sanitary condition No. IV(a) and IV(b) 2 . The protocol has been revised accordingly by deleting these diseases from the protocol and the revised protocol is placed at F/C.

It is further to mention here that Indian protocol does not have the system of framing protocol country wise in the light of available veterinary infrastructure and disease control system in place by exporting country but has a uniform protocol product wise which will be applicable to all countries including the developing or least Developed countries . Moreover, Department does not have the system of auditing /inspection of premises of exporting country as per article XI of SPS Agreement but rely on the certification system of exporting country. Hence, we may if approved insert a modified clause in the protocol at S.No. IV (b) .5 that **'the captive birds come from the establishment or hatchery which follows EU standards as per EU regulations for the import of captive birds and regularly inspected by official veterinary Authority of Federal/Union Government of exporting country'**.

Mention is made in this context that India earlier put the blanket ban on the import of captive birds in view of the potential of such types of birds for propagating AI virus for spread to other birds . Hence, the condition of establishment where these birds are kept are very important to be looked into before allowing the import. Since, we donot have the system of approval of establishment, this clause will help in prevention of carrying the germs with such birds.

Further regarding the another request for exemption of these birds for quarantine with the plea that these birds are delicate and can not survive with such stringent condition may not be agreed because quarantine is the mandate of Government to be done at Animal Quarantine station and such exemption will invite the same type of request from horse breeders/stud farm owner importing precious horses . The same type of request can also come from pharmaceuticals companies importing laboratory animals . Entertainment of such request will defeat the purposes of establishing quarantine stations in country as per Livestock Importation Act for preventing ingress of exotic diseases. I have confirmed with the Quarantine officer, Delhi for having quarantine facilities at quarantine station. Hence, we may not agree to the request of M/S Nariman Breeding and Research Centre Pvt. Ltd for exemption of captive birds from quarantine. Revised protocol has been framed and is at F/C. The file of Trade Cell on which comments have been sought is placed below. The extract of above comments along with revised protocol after approval will be sent on Trade Cell file.

Submitted please.

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Asstt.Commissioner(AH)

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JS(LH)

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Reference note of JS(LH) at p 3/N regarding the compliance of the European Commission regulation by countries outside EU member countries for the export of captive birds may kindly be perused.

As per the reference from Veterinary Record placed in the file at F/X reveals that EU member countries will allow the import of captive birds from the establishments of those countries(outside EU) where these captive are maintained are approved by European Commission (* establishment are approved by team from European Commission by following inspection, control and approval procedure) following EC regulations. The Indian importers must try to bring the captive birds from such approved establishments. The veterinary Authority while issuing the veterinary certificate for captive birds may also certify this point after verifying from the record of exporting establishment.

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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated 30th January 2009

Subject:- Health Protocol for Captive birds .

Kindly find enclosed a copy of approved health protocol for import of porcine semen

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