

AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

Permit Terms for Importation/Transshipment of Pet Birds (Attachment No. : B-001v05)

1. The permittee must notify the Import & Export Officer during office hours (Tel. (852) 2182 1001; Fax. (852) 2769 8600 or E-mail foii_airport@afcd.gov.hk) at least 24 hours in advance of the anticipated time of arrival..
2. The birds must be transported by the fastest and most direct route from the exporting country/place to or through Hong Kong as MANIFESTED CARGO by air.
3. The birds must be carried and caged (with labels) in accordance with the current Live Animals Regulations of IATA (International Air Transport Association) and in such a way as to ensure humane management at all times.
4. The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance, Cap. 169, the Public Health (Animals & Birds) Ordinance, Cap. 139, Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance, Cap. 586 and all other relevant legislation must be fully complied with.
5. The birds must be accompanied by a valid health certificate issued by a veterinary officer in full time employment of the government of exporting country/place. The details of rank, address, telephone number of the veterinary officer should be provided. The health certificate should be dated not more than 5 days before departure from that country/place and must include the following certification in English or Chinese: -
 - (i) that he (the veterinary officer) inspected the birds not more than 5 days prior to departure from the country/place of origin;
 - (ii) the quantity and types of birds inspected, with full scientific names (genus and species);
 - (iii) the name and address of the premises or the farm or other establishment from which birds are being brought into Hong Kong;
 - (iv) the birds at the time of examination were healthy, showed no clinical signs of infectious and contagious diseases, free from injuries, and fit to travel to Hong Kong;
 - (v) the birds have not been kept at premises or at a farm or other establishment where there is serological or virological evidence of H5 or H7 avian influenza virus infection having occurred within the 180 days immediately preceding the day on which the health certificate was issued. The details of the premises (including dates if birds have been to countries/places other than the present exporting countries/places during the preceding 180 days) where the birds have been resident for the last 180 days must be provided;
 - (vi) the birds have been kept in government approved quarantine facilities for 28 days prior to the export, and have all remained clinically normal during this period;
 - (vii) during the quarantine period at term (vi) above, all birds, or a sample of birds (at a sample rate specified in Clause 3 of the Notice on the Special Permit) were subject to at least one of the following diagnostic tests for H5 and H7 avian influenza virus within 14 days prior to export to Hong Kong with negative results. The tests are conducted in accordance with "WOAH Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals":
 - (a) VIROLOGY tests using oropharyngeal swabs or cloacal swabs or fresh faecal specimens. (Note: a negative test result for avian influenza virus will be accepted as evidence that the birds are free from H5 and H7 infection).
 - (b) RT-PCR tests using oropharyngeal swabs (Note: negative RT-PCR for avian influenza A virus matrix gene is acceptable).
 - (c) SEROLOGY tests using Haemagglutination Inhibition Tests and H5 and H7 avian influenza antigens (if sufficient blood can be obtained).
 - (viii) **EITHER** The birds have not been within 100 km of a reported case of West Nile Virus in the 180 days preceding export;
OR The quarantine facility was mosquito proof and all birds, or a sample of birds (at a sample rate specified in Clause 3 of the Notice on the Special Permit) have been serologically tested for West Nile Virus with negative result within 14 days of export to Hong Kong;
 - (ix) **For birds of the Psittaciformes Order only:**
 - (a) showed no clinical sign of avian Chlamydiosis, Pacheco's Disease and Psittacine Proventricular Dilatation Syndrome (PPDS) on the day of examination within 5 days prior to export;
 - (b) were kept under veterinary supervision for the 45 days prior to shipment and were **EITHER** treated against chlamydiosis using doxycycline or chlortetracycline **OR** tested on avian chlamydiosis with a WOAHP prescribed diagnostic test, with negative results.
6. The original copy of laboratory reports relating to 5(vii, viii and ix(b)) above should accompany the birds on arrival. The reports should include the detail of the test performed and result of the test. The test should be done in a government laboratory in the exporting country/place or in an officially approved laboratory.
7. All imported birds upon arrival will be directed to the Airport Animal Hostel for custody and sample taking by authorized officers of this Department. The samples will be arranged for testing against the avian influenza virus. The laboratory test will take one to several days during which the birds will remain under custody at the Airport Animal Hostel. Subject to the terms in the special permit being fully complied with, the birds can be released provided that the test result is satisfactory and hostel accommodation fees have been paid (if applicable). Accommodation fee is based on the number of bird cage and will be charged to the permittee. Exemption from the hostel accommodation fees may be granted on conditions that the birds arrive in Hong Kong from Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) and all the terms in the special permit are fully complied with. The permittee can visit and provide care, caging and cleansing for the birds during the holding period.
8. Upon arrival to Hong Kong the final destination and whereabouts of birds imported for wholesale to other licensed animal traders must be declared in the form of *Live Pet Birds Importation Record*. (copies of such form may be obtained from this department).
9. The granting of this special permit CANNOT be construed as a waiver by the Licensing Authority to import scheduled animals and birds listed under the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance, Cap. 586.
10. In the event of the birds being directed to the AFCD Airport Animal Hostel under official escort, the permittees (or agent) will be required to provide transport for the transfer to and from the said Hostel and to pay the hostel accommodation fees. Without prejudice to other terms of this permit, payment of these fees must be effected before release can be obtained.
11. Failure to comply with the terms stipulated above, the birds may be seized and forfeited under Section 8 of Public Health (Animals and Birds) Ordinance, Cap. 139 and the permittee/owner may be prosecuted.

Note: Failure to comply with the requirements, as stipulated above, may render the animals liable to be rejected to the country/place of export or quarantine for a period determined by the Senior Veterinary Officer at the cost and risk of the permittee. The permittee may be prosecuted.

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漁農自然護理署

許可證條款 – 適用於入口或轉口觀賞雀鳥 (附頁編號 : B-001v05)

- 持證人必須最少在雀鳥預計運抵香港前24小時的辦公時間內，通知進出口組職員（電話：(852) 2182 1001 / 圖文傳真：(852) 2769 8600 / 電郵 foii_airport@afcd.gov.hk）。
- 雀鳥必須以艙單貨運(manifested cargo)方式，以最快捷及最直接的路線由出口國/地方空運入或運經香港。
- 雀鳥必須按照國際航空運輸協會 (IATA) 現行的活生動物規例載運及以附有標籤的籠裝載，確保一直以人道方式運送。
- 必須完全遵守香港法例第 169 章《防止殘酷對待動物條例》、第 139 章《公眾衛生（動物及禽鳥）條例》、第 586 章《保護瀕危動植物物種條例》，以及所有其他有關的法例。
- 有關雀鳥必須附同一份有效的健康證明書。該證明書必須由出口國/地方政府聘用的全職獸醫官簽發，並須列明獸醫官的職級、地址、電話號碼的詳情。該健康證明書的簽發日期必須在離開出口國/地方前 5 日內，並須以中文或英文證明下列事項：
 - 該獸醫官曾在該雀鳥離開來源國前 5 日內，檢驗該等雀鳥；
 - 接受檢驗雀鳥的數量及種類，並列明學名〔屬、種名稱〕；
 - 雀鳥所來自的處所、農場或其他場所的名稱及地址；
 - 該等雀鳥在接受檢驗時，均屬健康，並無呈現傳染病及觸染病的臨床徵狀，沒有受傷，以及適合運送來香港；
 - 在緊接發出該證明書當日之前的180日內，該等雀鳥並沒有飼養在有血清學或病毒學上的證據證明曾發生H5或H7禽流感病毒感染事件的處所、農場或其他場所。在過去180天內該等雀鳥居住有關處所的資料(如過去180天曾到訪其他國家/地方，資料必須包括日期)必須提供；
 - 有關雀鳥曾於出口前，在出口國政府核准之檢疫設施接受檢疫達28日，期間全部臨床徵狀正常；
 - 在上文第 (vi) 項所述的檢疫期間，所有雀鳥或其中一部分雀鳥的樣本(測試的樣本數量須根據特別許可證上注意事項中第 3 點所指定的數量進行測試)必須在出口往香港前的 14 日內進行以下最少一項 H5 及 H7 禽流感病毒診斷測試，並且測試結果為陰性。測試方法須按照世界動物衛生組織(WOAH)發出的「陸地動物診斷測試及疫苗標準指引」進行：
 - 以口咽拭子、泄殖腔拭子或新鮮糞便樣本進行病毒學測試 [註：雀鳥的禽流感病毒測試結果呈陰性反應，將視作有關雀鳥沒有受 H5 及 H7 禽流感病毒感染。]；
 - 以口咽拭子進行逆轉錄聚合酶鏈反應(RT-PCR)測試 [註：本署接受雀鳥樣本對甲型禽流感病毒基因呈陰性 RT-PCR 反應。]；
 - 以血凝抑制試驗及 H5 及 H7 禽流感抗原進行血清測試(如可取得足夠血液)。
 - 在過去 180 天內該禽鳥沒有到過任何曾發生西尼羅病毒傳染事件的 100 公里範圍內的地方；或該禽鳥須在具備防蚊功用的檢疫設施接受檢疫及所有雀鳥或其中一部分雀鳥的樣本(測試的樣本數量須根據特別許可證上注意事項中第 3 點所指定的數量進行測試)，須接受西尼羅病毒血清測試，樣本須在有關雀鳥出口往香港前的 14 日內收集及進行測試，而測試結果呈陰性反應；
 - 適用於鸚鵡目雀鳥：**
 - 在出口前的五日內接受檢驗並無呈現鸚鵡熱、Pacheco 氏病及 PPDS 的臨床病狀；
 - 付運前已接受獸醫四十五日的監察並在此期間內使用強力霉素或金霉素作預防鸚鵡熱之用或接受由 WOAH 指定的鸚鵡熱診斷測試進行檢測，檢驗結果呈陰性。
- 上文第 5(vii)、(viii) 及 (ix)(b) 項所述的化驗報告的正本須隨有關雀鳥送抵本港。該等報告須包括進行測試的詳情及測試結果，而有關測試須在出口國的政府化驗所或政府認可的化驗所內進行。
- 進口雀鳥須在抵港後被押送到機場動物居留所接受拘留及經由本署人員採集樣本作禽流感檢測。由於化驗須時一至數日，雀鳥會被拘留在機場動物居留所。在符合所有許可證條款的情況下，以及取得合格化驗結果和繳清居留費用(如適用)，雀鳥才可被放行。本署會按雀籠數目計算居留費用，並向持證人收取有費用。倘雀鳥在星期一至五抵港(公眾假期除外)，並符合所有許可證條款，居留費用可被豁免。於居留期間，持證人可探訪雀鳥，並為牠們提供照料、雀籠及清潔等安排。
- 雀鳥抵港後持證人須填寫一份<<活生寵物雀鳥進口記錄>>(由本署提供)，詳細聲明雀鳥進口後的最終目的地及批發出售至其它持牌動物售賣商。
- 不得把獲簽發此特別許可證視作獲發牌當局豁免領取許可證，輸入第 586 章《保護瀕危動植物物種條例》所列的附表動物及禽鳥。
- 倘根據指示，須在本署職員押送下把雀鳥送往漁農自然護理署機場動物居留所，則持證人(或其代理)須提供運輸工具，以將雀鳥運送往返該居留所，並須繳交居留費。在不影響本許可證其他條款的原則下，必須清繳此等費用，然後才可領回雀鳥。
- 倘不遵守上文所列條款，本署可根據香港法例第139章《公眾衛生(動物及禽鳥)條例》第8條扣押及沒收有關雀鳥，而持證人／擁有人可被檢控。

注意：倘未能遵守上述之條款，有關動物可能須遣返出口國／地方或如高級獸醫官所決定，在一段時期內接受檢疫，費用和風險將由持證人承擔。而持證人可能遭檢控。

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