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To: Importers, owners and breeders of birds of endangered species

New Licensing Conditions for Trading of Pet Birds

In accordance with the Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Animal Traders) Regulations, Cap.139, with effect from 4 July 2007, this Department has introduced a new set of additional licensing conditions to pet bird traders in order to safeguard public health.

According to the record of this department, birds of endangered species could be purchased in local pet shops or directly imported from oversea bird farms for the purpose of personal pets, and some owners of these birds may carry out captive breeding activities locally for the pet birds. While the personal possession of these pet birds, including their offspring reproduced in captivity, is not subject to the newly introduced conditions mentioned above, I would like to draw your attention that such conditions would still need to be fully observed in case these locally purchased, directly imported or captive-bred pet birds are turned to enter the commercial trade.

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for Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation

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ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE LICENCE:
(Under Regulation 5(3) of Public Health (Animals and Birds)
(Animal Traders) Regulations, Cap.139)
(Applicable to Pet Birds traders)
Commencing 4 July 2007

- (a) The licensee shall take all possible precautions to prevent the occurrence or spread of any infectious or contagious disease in any birds kept in the licensed premises.
- (b) All imported birds must be accompanied by a copy of a health certificate issued by the competent veterinary authority of the country of origin for each consignment of birds.
- (c) Copies of the health certificate related to the birds on sale at the licensed premises must be readily available for inspection by authorized officers at all times.
- (d) Any death of the birds occurred in the licensed premises should be promptly reported to this department within 3 days of occurrence and the carcasses must be kept at refrigerated temperature pending collection by officers of this department for examination or testing unless instructed otherwise.
- (e) All the birds kept in the licensed premises must be from one or more of the following approved sources:-
 - 1. Legally imported and covered by valid import permit/special permit issued by this Department or with valid health certificate issued by the veterinary authority of the exporting country;
 - 2. Acquired from other licensed Animal Traders and covered by documentation, e.g. invoice, sale receipt, etc. detailing the species, quantity, date of transaction and source;
 - 3. Hatched from eggs laid by birds owned by licensed Animal Traders. In this case, the licensee must report to this Department at least one week in advance before the hatching of the birds.
- (f) Unless it can be shown that the birds concerned are from one of the sources specified in (e) above, "trade-in" of birds from clients and display for sale on behalf of clients and persons other than licensed animal traders are prohibited.
- (g) The final destination of birds imported in bulk for wholesale to other licensed animal traders must be reported to Import and Export Division of this department within 24 hrs from arrival time.
- (h) Only birds free from infectious diseases are allowed to be sold.
- (i) If any client wishes to return a bird previously purchased from the licensee, prior approval must be obtained from the designated Senior Veterinary Officer, with satisfactory evidence to prove that the bird involved was previously acquired from the same licensee.
- (j) In addition to the requirement set out in paragraph 19 of the Code of Standards for Licensed Animal Traders, the licensee is required to keep an upto date detailed record of any

transaction relating to any birds acquired, sold, movement and the balance of the bird stock in a register in a format prescribed by this Department.

- (k) Detailed record must also be kept for birds disposed of otherwise than by sale, e.g. by free gift (in this case the name, address and phone number of the receiver should be recorded for subsequent traceability of the birds as and when necessary).
- (l) Any person who engages in cleansing of bird cages and bird's dropping must wear gloves;
- (m) A licensed animal trader shall only keep any birds for the purpose of his business in licensed premises;
- (n) The housing facilities, primary enclosure, exercise area and outdoor area shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition;
- (o) All excreta and other waste matter shall be removed from the licensed premises not less than once a day and to conduct a monthly 'clean up day' in the Bird Garden at Yuen Po Street, to thoroughly clean and disinfect the entire licensed premises located within Bird Garden;
- (p) A supply of disinfectants shall be available for the purpose of sanitation.