

Request for Authorization to Enter Pet Birds into Chile

Pet birds are those that **travel with and are cared for by their owners**, exclusively pet birds in captivity that keep their owners company and are not used for reproduction and/or sale or for business purposes.

The Chilean Agricultural and Livestock Service (SAG) authorizes the entry of pet birds in captivity as long as the general and specific [sanitary requirements](#) imposed by Chile are met.

To Whom This Is Addressed:

To individuals who wish to enter Chile with **pet birds in captivity to keep its owner company as pets**. An individual owner may enter only one such example and, under certain duly justified cases, SAG may authorize the entry of a number larger than one. The Request may be filed by the individual owner or his/her representative with power of attorney, and records with requests must be sent to propec@sag.gob.cl.

Requirements:

1) Origin of the Birds:

- The country and area/zone where the birds reside must have a permanent surveillance program for bird flu of required notification, also for Newcastle disease and for other infectious contagious diseases that affect birds.
- Absence of bird flu and other important infectious contagious disease cases in birds in the last 30 days (as a minimum) within a radius of 10 km (6.2 miles) from the bird's nursery or place of residence.
- The bird comes from a nursery or residence that is not subject to sanitary restrictions through control programs or eradication programs for bird disease.
- The bird has remained with its owner since birth, or at least 90 days prior to its travel to Chile, in a known place of residence (at the place of residency of its owner), or at a nursery or veterinarian authorized by the Official Veterinarian Service (SVO) at the place of origin, whereat it has met its isolation period.

2) The Birds:

- Have not been in contact with other birds, for at least 90 days prior to its travel.
- Must be ringed or identified with microchips or other method that permits its individual identification.
- Have not been immunized with a type of vaccine used for bird flu.
- Must have a CITES Certificate, if it is warranted (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild fauna and flora.)
- The owner, or his/her duly authorized representative must travel with the pet bird from its country of origin to its place of entry into Chile.

3) Pre-Travel Quarantine:

The bird must be isolated during the last 30 days prior to their travel and examined by veterinary doctors at the Official Veterinarian Service (SVO) at the country of origin or by private veterinary doctors duly authorized by said SVO. The physical exam must show the absence of evident clinical signs of infectious contagious disease.

During said period, diagnostic tests must be carried out and analyzed at an official lab; the results must be negative. Birds must be treated for ornithosis and internal/external parasitism.

4) Transport:

- At the moment of transport, the bird must not show clinical signs of transmissible illness.
- The transport from the place of residence at origin up to the transport to Chile must be carried out under the official control of a competent sanitary authority, that must ensure:
 - The bird did not come into contact with other birds;
 - The transit was carried out in cages or other sealed containers of first use and destined for such purposes, duly cleaned and disinfected with products of well known efficacy.
 - The transport was carried out in vehicles or compartments that ensure the hygienic sanitary conditions and the welfare of the animal.

5) Certification

- The bird must be protected by an official sanitary certificate issued at the time of transport, by the competent sanitary authority at the country of origin, authority that must confirm the compliance of the sanitary requirements, stipulate the country and entity at origin issuing the certification, identify the bird, owner and means of transport.
- The authority must also attach the diagnostic test protocols carried out prior to travel at an official lab or lab duly authorized by the sanitary authority.
- The species included in the CITES Convention must carry the corresponding certificate.

6) Quarantine Upon Entry into Chile

Birds that enter Chile must comply with a minimum quarantine of 30 days at the SAG Quarantine Station, period during which the birds will be submitted to diagnostic tests and treatment that the Service may deem necessary.

Documents

- Official Sanitary Certificate issued by the competent sanitary authority at the country of origin (pages 4 & 5 of [Resolution No. 5,459/2007](#)).
- Corresponding protocols for the diagnostic tests.
- CITES Certificate for the species listed as protected under this Convention, issued by the CITES Administrative Authority at the country of origin.

Cost: not fixed, associated to procedures/steps such as :

- Administrative step of import;
- Inspection at SAG;
- Quarantine period;
- Diagnostic tests carried out.

Period of Time Within Which To Respond: immediate

Forms: Sanitary Certificate Sample

Safety Regulations:

- [Resolución Exenta N° 5.459](#) (Exempt Resolution No. 5,459) of October 30, 2007
- [Resolución Exenta N° 1.254](#) (Exempt Resolution No. 1,254) of August 12, 1991 and further modifications ([Resolución N° 1.150](#) (Resolution No. 1,150) of May 2, 2000.