



INFORMATION NOTE ON THE IMPORT OF CAPTIVE BIRDS

Measures to Reduce the Risk of Introduction of Avian Influenza

The following conditions as set out under [Commission Decision 2005/760/EC](#) as amended by [Commission Decision 2005/862/EC](#) applies to the import of captive birds from third countries.

This Decision suspends the importation from all third countries of:

- live birds other than poultry, as defined in the third indent of Article of Decision 2000/666/EC, and
- products derived from the species referred above

This suspension therefore will apply to all birds except:

- poultry (i.e., fowl, turkeys, guinea fowl, ducks, geese, quails, pigeons, pheasants and partridges reared or kept in captivity for breeding, the production of meat or eggs for consumption, or for re-stocking supplies of game; and
- to pet birds which are covered by Commission Decision 2005/759/EC.

It shall not apply to birds certified by a third country in accordance with Decision 2000/666/EC before the date of publication of this Decision (OJ L285. 28/10/05 p 60)

Derogations

Imports are authorised for:

1. Birds coming from bodies, institutes and centres and proceeding to bodies institutes and centres approved by the competent authorities in the Member State of destination in Compliance with Council directive 92/65/EEC and accompanied by a veterinary certificate provided for in Annex A of Decision 2000/666/EC.
2. Hatching eggs of birds referred to in point 1 above under the condition that these eggs are:
 - a. Either destined for the approved bodies, institutes or centres referred to above, or
 - b. Destined to dedicated hatcheries approved for the purpose by the competent authority, which do not at the same time hatch eggs for

poultry and into which eggs are laid only for fumigation effectively decontaminating the shell.

Imports must be accompanied by a veterinary certificate providing at least the information as required in the certificate provided in Part 3 of Annex E to Directive 92/65/EEC.

3. Specimens collected from any species of birds that are safely packaged and are being sent directly under the responsibility of the competent authority of the dispatching country listed in Annex I to the Decision to an approved laboratory for laboratory diagnosis. **The importing laboratory should arrange to obtain a licence by contacting:** Animal Products Import Section, Kildare St., Dublin 2 Tel (01) 6072513, Fax (01) 6072513.
4. Products derived from those species complying with the conditions provided for in Chapter II(C), Chapter III(C), Chapter IV(B), Chapter VI(C) and Chapter X(B) of Annex VII and Chapter II(C), Chapter III(II)(B), Chapter VII(A)(1)(a), Chapter VII(B)(5) and Chapter X of Annex VIII to Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002 of the European Parliament and the Council which lay down health rules for animal by-products.
5. Products derived from those species which, in accordance with Community legislation, are not subject to any animal health conditions or which are not subject to any ban or restriction for reason of animal health, including the products referred to in Chapter III(III) of Annex VIII to Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002, as far as regards mineralised bird guano coming from countries which have not declared the presence of highly pathogenic avian influenza caused by influenza A virus of subtype H5N1 during the last 12 months.

The veterinary certificate accompanying the birds or hatching eggs described in points 1 & 2 above must include the wording:

“ Live birds or hatching eggs in accordance with Article 2 of Decision 2005/760/EC “

The veterinary certificate accompanying the birds as referred to in point 1 above must certify that those birds are indigenous or have been either hatched and reared or caught in the exporting third country.

Designated Entry Points

Dublin and Shannon Airports are the designated entry points for imports of birds and products at points 1 & 2 above.

**Food Safety Liaison Division
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