



IMPORTATION OF POULTRY, HATCHING EGGS & DAY OLD CHICKS

Conditions for Importation:

This permit is issued subject to the conditions stated below. The veterinary authority of the Virgin Islands reserves the right to render this permit void at any time when in its judgment, such is deemed necessary.

- (1) Bird(s) must be accompanied by a veterinary export health certificate issued by a veterinarian attached to the veterinary authority of the country of origin or export of the bird(s). Such health certificate shall state the following:
 - (a) There has been no outbreak of New Castle Disease or Avian Influenza (Fowl Plague) in the state or country of origin/export for the last three (3) years.
 - (b) The breeding flock(s) and their parent flock(s) must be registered and/or officially recognized as being in good standing by the veterinary authority of the country of origin.
 - (c) These flock(s) must be certified tested and/or free of the following diseases:- Infectious Bursal Disease (Gumboro), Infectious Laryngotracheitis, Bronchitis, Avian Tuberculosis, Fowl Cholera, Fowl Typhoid-Pullorum Disease, Avian Reoviral Infections, Chronic Respiratory Disease, Marek's Disease and Avian Encephalomyelitis.
 - (d) Bird(s) was/were inspected on the day of exportation and showed no clinical signs of infectious disease and has/have been treated for and/or are free of internal and external parasites.
 - (e) Egg(s), wrapping(s) and container(s) have been inspected within 24 hours of export and found free of particulate matter, cracks, flies and other extraneous substances.
 - (e) Chick(s) selected are of first-class quality and vaccinated against Marek's Disease.
- (2) Poultry and egg(s) must be accompanied by all relevant documents (import permit, health certificate, vaccination certificate etc.) and presented to the official representative of the Veterinary Division for clearance.
- (3) Bird(s) must be found healthy on arrival.
- (4) The Veterinary Division must be given at least 24 hours notice of confirmed arrival date, time, airline/vessel and the port of entry. This will facilitate unnecessary delays and avoid detention of animal(s) for veterinary clearance at the port of entry. Therefore, the granting of permits for animals to be presented for inspection to enter the Virgin Islands does not signify automatic entry.
- (5) Please be advised, these requirements are subject to change since animal disease status in various countries is dynamic. Therefore, the granting of permission for animals to enter the Virgin Islands does not signify automatic entry. It is your responsibility to contact the Veterinary Division, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to confirm these conditions are current.

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