VS Guidance and Other Documents for Avian Importation

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This page offers APHIS Veterinary Services guidance and other documents for avian importation.

Notices

- Recognition of Live Bird Markets Agreement (153.55 KB)
- Salmonella Policy for Poultry and Hatching Eggs From Canada (149.1 KB)

Disease Status of a Country

Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and Newcastle disease (virulent) (NDV) are the two viral diseases that require quarantine upon U.S. arrival or may prohibit entry into the United States. Importers should view the current disease status of the country of interest before applying for an import or transit permit.

Veterinary Services Documents

- Approval and Oversight of Privately Owned Avian Import Quarantine Facilities in the United States (280.97 KB) (VSG 13401.2) | July 2024

- Cleaning and Disinfecting Avian Quarantine Facilities Following Outbreaks of Newcastle Disease, Avian Influenza, or Other Communicable Avian Diseases (270.3 KB) (VSG 13403.2) | January 2025
- Entry Procedures for Persons Accessing Permanent Animal Import Quarantine Facilities Overseen by Veterinary Services. (VSG 13412.2) | February 2021
- Approval and Oversight of Privately Owned Quarantine Facilities for the Import of Non-Commercial Birds into the United States (397.75 KB) (VSG 13418.1) | March 2019
- Approval and Oversight of Privately Owned Zoological Quarantine Facilities for the Import of Zoo Birds/Zoo Poultry into the United States (VSG 13420.1) | March 2019

Transit

- Transit Shipments of Live Animal Commodities (438.79 KB) (VSG 13404.2)

Additional General Information

- Disease Testing and Sampling Requirements for Live Avians and Imported Hatching Eggs of Avians During Import Quarantine (194.62 KB) (VSG 13410.2)
- Procedures for Handling Pet and Performing Bird Importations (Excluding Ratites and Hatching Eggs of Ratites) (VSG 13417.2)

Import Protocols

Zoological Birds

- Import Protocol for Zoo Avians Imported to an APHIS-Approved Zoo (928.12 KB) - October 2026

Ratites

- Protocol for the Import of Ratites From Canada for Immediate Slaughter (215.78 KB)

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