

The Inspection Department – TEZVT – LVV.
Tamarinde Steeg nr. 16,
Philipsburg.
St. Maarten.

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO IMPORT BIRDS
(NB. PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OF THE APPLICATION IN FULL)

I/We _____ of _____

hereby apply for permission to import into St. Maarten, the following bird(s) from _____

Quantity	Bird(s) incl. Scientific names	Identification #s.	Origin (Geographical Area)

Means of importation - Airline _____ Vessel _____
Expected date of arrival _____

I/We agree to comply with Import Conditions (see overleaf) required in the event that permission is granted.

Signature

Date

FOR OFFICE USE		
Application Approved:	Yes	No
Permit number	_____	
Date	_____	
Issued by	_____	

CONDITIONS OF IMPORT FOR BIRDS INTO ST. MAARTEN

1. The import of birds is only permitted from countries that are **officially free** from any outbreaks of notifiable Avian Influenza (LPAI and HPAI).
2. In cases where the exporting country had been affected by the Low Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (LPAI) virus, **an accompanying certificate must be issued by the Chief Veterinary Officer of the exporting country and must state that the bird(s) is/are from an Avian Influenza free territory of the country.**
3. The birds have to be accompanied by an **official International Health Certificate**, issued by a certified (Accredited) veterinarian and endorsed by the Official Government (Federal) Veterinarian. The international health certificate must be valid at the time of entry of the birds into St. Maarten.
4. In the health certificate the following has to be stated by the veterinarian:
 - That the country or state of origin of the birds is officially free of notifiable Avian Influenza (AI), Newcastle Disease (NCD) and other notifiable avian diseases.
 - That the birds have been inspected on the day of shipment by the veterinarian and showed no clinical signs of any communicable disease.
 - That the birds have been under veterinary supervision 3 weeks prior to shipment and have shown no signs of any communicable disease during that period.
 - That the Psittaciformes (parrots, macaws, etc.) originate from a facility that has been free of psittacosis for the past 12 months.
 - That the bird(s) has/have been transported in new, unused containers.
 - That the bird(s) have been identified individually by a ring or chip.
5. The Inspection Department TEZVT – Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries has to be notified by the freight forwarders for all bird or poultry importations in order to inspect the shipments on site before giving clearance.
6. Birds that do not comply with the aforementioned certification requirements or show any symptoms of any communicable disease will be euthanized immediately.
7. A copy of the Veterinary Health Certificate(s) and this Permit must be submitted to the Inspections Department TEZVT – LVV, St. Maarten.
8. **THIS PERMIT IS VALID FOR ONE (1) ENTRY WITHIN ONE (1) MONTH OF THE DATE OF ISSUE.**
9. **ALL CERTIFICATES MUST BE IN DUTCH, ENGLISH OR ACCOMPANIED BY AN OFFICIAL TRANSLATION.**