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VETERINARY SERVICES DIVISION

Guidelines to Exporters of Pet Birds and other Exotic Animals

GENERAL INFORMATION

A **Veterinary Export Health Certificate** for live animals, issued by the Veterinary Services Division is required for the export of all live animals including pet birds and other exotic animals from Jamaica, depending on the country of destination.

1. Exporters are required to complete an application for Export Health Certificate (<https://www.moa.gov.jm/sites/default/files/application%20for%20export%20health%20certificate.pdf>).
 - 1.1. Applications can be submitted in person to The Permit Office, Veterinary Services Division (VSD) 193 Old Hope Road, or scanned and emailed to the following: Email: vsdpermits@moa.gov.jm .
2. Exporters are required to provide the importing country's import requirements along with the completed Application for Export Health Certificate. Import requirements must be in the English language or translated into English where necessary. Applicants are advised to discuss import requirements of importing countries with the government veterinary officer (VSD) who will provide clarity where needed.
 - 2.1. The importing country may require testing procedures that are not available in Jamaica. Testing procedures performed outside of Jamaica will be at the exporter's expense.
 - 2.2. The importing country may require the animal to undergo pre-export quarantine or isolation under the supervision of the government veterinary officer.
 - 2.3. The importing country may require additional documents or forms to be completed and signed by the private veterinarian and endorsed by the competent authority (government veterinary officer).
 - 2.4. Exporters should be made aware that failure to comply with the import requirements of importing countries can result in animals being rejected at the port of entry.
3. All animals for export must be present for inspection 48hrs before departure accompanied by supporting veterinary medical records from a private veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Jamaica.
4. Animals found non-compliant will **NOT** be issued with a veterinary export health certificate
5. The cost for an Export Health Certificate is J\$2,000.00 per animal. This can be paid at the VSD cashier by cash, debit or credit card.
6. Applicants are advised to check with their airline of choice in relation to the airlines specific protocol for pet travel including airline (IATA) live animal transport container requirements.

For further information, please contact:

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