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PRE-ENTRY IMPORT INFORMATION

POULTRY & OTHER BIRDS

(Summary information including temporary rules for West Nile virus)

GENERAL INFORMATION:

A Quarantine/Embargo (Quarantine Order No. 94, "WEST NILE VIRUS") effective since September 19, 2002, disallows the importation of all birds and poultry, except hatching eggs and day-old chicks through the U.S. Postal Service.

A Temporary Rule, Hawaii Administrative Rule, Chapter 4-19, subchapter 6, "West Nile Virus – Import Requirements for Birds and Poultry", effective February 1, 2003, places certain pre-shipment entry requirements on all poultry and birds entering the State. This temporary rule shall remain in effect through January 1, 2004.

SUMMARY OF PRE-ENTRY IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR POULTRY AND OTHER BIRDS:

Hatching Eggs (Fertile eggs for hatching after entry into the State; includes hatching eggs from all poultry: chickens, ducks, turkeys, pigeons, guinea fowl, geese, peafowl, pheasants, quail, chucker, and other domestic feathered life.)

- A West Nile Virus-Import Permit for entry is required. Permit issued to hatcheries or accredited veterinarians (Call 808-837-8092, seven days per week, 6:30 am through 4:30 pm Hawaiian Standard Time or email request to ldcimp.comp@verizon.net).
- West Nile Virus- Import Permit shall be affixed to the shipping container or pallet. Apply for permit at least ten days prior to anticipated shipment date.
- Description of hatching eggs required.
- Statement requirements:
 - Originated in a flock having a Pullorum-clean rating in accordance with federal-state standards.
 - Flock free of symptoms of transmissible diseases for sixty days before shipment.

Day-Old Birds (Chicks/other day-old birds, less than 24 hours old at the time of shipment):

- A West Nile Virus-Import Permit for entry is required. Permit issued to hatcheries or accredited veterinarians (Call 808-837-8092, seven days per week, 6:30 am through 4:30 pm Hawaiian Standard Time or email request to ldcimp.comp@verizon.net).
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- Description of day-old chicks/birds required.
- Statement requirements:
 - Originated in flock having a Pullorum-clean rating in accordance with federal-state standards.
 - Flock free of symptoms of transmissible diseases for sixty days before shipment.
 - Not been vaccinated with live virus vaccine, except for Marek's disease.

All poultry and birds greater than 24 hours of age at the time of shipment except chickens, pheasants, quail, chuckers, rock doves and budgerigars over 4 weeks of age:

- A West Nile Virus Import Permit for entry is required. Permit issued to hatcheries or accredited veterinarians (Call 808-837-8092, seven days per week, 6:30 am through 4:30 pm Hawaiian Standard Time or email request to ldcimp.comp@verizon.net).
- A West Nile Virus Import Permit shall be affixed to the shipping container or pallet. Apply for permit at least ten days prior to shipment date.
- A Plant Quarantine Branch Permit also required for birds other than chickens or turkeys and their day-old chicks/poults, or hatching eggs. Contact Plant Quarantine at (808) 832-0566.
- A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued within seven days before entry by an accredited veterinarian in the State of origin. The CVI shall:
 - Describe poultry/birds in shipment, including leg band numbers on the CVI.
 - Declare poultry/birds in shipment free of ectoparasites and free of symptoms or recent exposure to transmissible diseases.
 - Statement, poultry/birds have not been vaccinated with live virus vaccine other than Newcastle's within 60 days of shipment.
 - Chickens/turkeys shall have originated from flock with Pullorum-Typhoid clean rating or tested negative for Pullorum-Typhoid with 30 days before entry.
 - Chickens/turkeys shall have been vaccinated with APHIS-approved Newcastle disease vaccine not less than 30 days or greater than 60 days before shipment, list vaccine used, serial number, vaccination date, expiration date of vaccine
- Pre-entry Isolation Requirements:
 - Birds or poultry for entry shall be quarantined in isolation from mosquitoes, in a mosquito-free and mosquito-proof enclosure under the supervision of the accredited veterinarian issuing the certificate of veterinary inspection for entry. The quarantine period shall be for a minimum period of seven days (168 hours) and birds or poultry shall enter Hawaii within 36 hours of completion of the seven-day quarantine; or
 - In a state never identifying West Nile virus in birds or mosquitoes within its borders, birds or poultry for entry shall be certified by the veterinarian issuing the official certificate of veterinary inspection as having resided at least seven days in the West Nile virus-free state; or

- In a state never identifying West Nile virus in birds or mosquitoes within its borders, birds or poultry for entry shall be isolated under the supervision of the accredited veterinarian issuing the official certificate of veterinary inspection for movement. The isolation period shall be for a minimum period of seven days (168 hours) and the birds or poultry shall enter Hawaii within 72 hours of completion of seven days isolation; or
- For direct entry, birds or poultry for entry shall be tested for specific antibodies to West Nile virus (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay, ELISA or plaque-reduction neutralization test, PRNT) between 30 days and 180 days of entry by a laboratory approved by the Hawaii state veterinarian. A negative specific antibody test result will disqualify birds or poultry from direct shipment to Hawaii without a minimum period of 7 days quarantine or 7-day isolation. A positive specific antibody test result will qualify birds or poultry for direct shipment to Hawaii without quarantine or isolation. Positive and negative test results shall be interpreted according to national standards for the type of test performed.

Chickens, pheasants, quail, chuckers, rock doves (*Columba livia*) and budgerigars (*Melopsittacus undulatus*) greater than 4 weeks of age:

- A West Nile Virus-Import Permit for entry required. Permit issued to accredited veterinarians issuing the certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI), (Call 808-837-8092, seven days per week, 6:30 am through 4:30 pm Hawaiian Standard Time or email request to ldcimp.comp@verizon.net).
- West Nile Virus-Import Permit shall be affixed to the shipping container or pallet. Apply for permit at least ten days prior to anticipated shipment date.
- A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued within seven days before entry by an accredited veterinarian in the State of origin. The CVI shall:
 - Describe chickens/other birds in shipment, including leg band numbers (budgerigars are exempt from leg band requirement) on the CVI.
 - Declare chickens/other birds in shipment free of ectoparasites and free of symptoms or recent exposure to transmissible diseases.
 - Statement, chickens/birds have not been vaccinated with live virus vaccine other than Newcastle's within 60 days of shipment.
 - Chickens shall have originated from flock with Pullorum-Typhoid clean rating or tested negative for Pullorum-Typhoid with 30 days before entry.
 - Chickens shall have been vaccinated with APHIS-approved Newcastle disease vaccine not less than 30 days or greater than 60 days before shipment, list vaccine used, serial number, vaccination date, expiration date of vaccine

All poultry and other birds, except day-old-birds, canaries, finches, budgerigars, lovebirds and cockatiels, must be banded before entry into the state.

SUMMARY OF ENTRY AND POST-ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR POULTRY AND OTHER BIRDS:

- Entry into the State will be permitted only through the Honolulu International Airport and shipments shall be submitted by the carrier immediately upon arrival to the Airport Animal Quarantine Holding Facility for inspection.
- Failure to meet pre-shipment requirements shall result in refusal of entry into the State. No poultry or other birds refused entry shall remain in the State for more than 24 hours after their arrival date and time. During this 24-hour grace period, birds or poultry refused entry shall be permitted to leave the State. After this 24-hour grace period, birds or poultry remaining in the State shall be humanely euthanized.
- All costs associated with the return to origin, euthanasia and disposal of birds or poultry shall be borne by the carrier, owner, importer or consignee.
- Any carrier transporting a bird, birds or poultry into the State without a valid West Nile Virus-Import Permit shall be responsible for all costs incurred in returning such birds or poultry immediately to a North American port.
- Birds other than poultry, entering the state shall be kept quarantined/isolated for **thirty** days after import. Poultry shall be kept quarantined/isolated for **seven** days after import. Poultry and other birds may be quarantined/isolated on the owner's premises or at a site approved by the state veterinarian.
 - **Importers, consignees, and owners of imported birds shall report immediately to the state veterinarian all sick and dead birds under quarantine. The state veterinarian or an agent may inspect quarantine sites at any time during the provisional quarantine period to insure compliance with post-shipment requirements.**

For West Nile Virus-Import Permits, questions or additional information contact the Livestock Disease Control Branch, Import and Compliance Section, at (808) 837-8092, FAX- (808) 837-8094, or email ldcimp.comp@verizon.net