

IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF ITALY
FOR BIRDS AND RABBITS EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

PSITTACINE BIRDS AND RABBITS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ORIGIN HEALTH CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY AN ACCREDITED VETERINARIAN AND ENDORSED BY AN AUTHORIZED FEDERAL VETERINARIAN IN THE STATE OF ORIGIN CERTIFYING:

1. FOR BIRDS NOT ACCOMPANYING A TRAVELER:

ONLY THOSE PSITTACINE BIRDS THAT HAVE RESIDED IN A ZOO FOR THE PAST 6 MONTHS ARE ELIGIBLE. A STATEMENT THAT THE BIRDS HAVE BEEN IN A ZOOLOGICAL PARK FOR THE PAST 6 MONTHS AND THAT NO CASES OF PSITTACOSIS HAVE OCCURRED WITHIN SAID ZOOLOGICAL PARK IN THE PAST YEAR MUST APPEAR ON THE ORIGIN HEALTH CERTIFICATE.

2. FOR PSITTACINE BIRDS ACCOMPANYING TRAVELERS:

AN IMPORT PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR MORE THAN TWO LARGE PSITTACINE BIRDS (PARROTS) OR SIX SMALL PSITTACINE BIRDS (PARAKEETS, ETC.). THE BIRDS WILL BE INSPECTED AT THE ITALIAN FRONTIER AND WILL BE PLACED IN A 30-DAY HOUSE QUARANTINE AT THE OWNER'S RESIDENCE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF LOCAL VETERINARY AUTHORITIES.

IF MORE THAN TWO LARGE OR SIX SMALL PSITTACINE BIRDS ARE IMPORTED UNDER PERMIT, AN AFFIDAVIT SIGNED BY THE PROVINCIAL VETERINARY AUTHORITIES STATING THAT PROPER QUARANTINE FACILITIES EXIST FOR THE QUARANTINE OF THE BIRDS MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE TIME OF ARRIVAL.

3. FOR RABBITS ACCOMPANYING A TRAVELER:

THE ORIGIN HEALTH CERTIFICATE MUST HAVE A STATEMENT THAT MYXOMATOSIS HAS NOT OCCURRED ON THE FARM OF ORIGIN OR WITHIN A 50 KILOMETER RADIUS THEREOF IN THE PAST 6 MONTHS.