**Procedure for exporting a pet bird[[1]](#endnote-1)**

**Pay attention!**

Exporting a bird into another country is contingent upon the conditions it determines. It is the responsibility of the bird owners to notify the authorities in the country of destination of their intention to bring the bird into its territory and to find out what are the requirements for this purpose.[[2]](#endnote-2)

Instructions

1. Notify the official government veterinarian responsible for exporting birds in the poultry health department (hereinafter the "official veterinarian") at [ie-ofot@moag.gov.il](mailto:ie-ofot@moag.gov.il) about your intention to export the bird and inform him with the requirements of the country of destination. Keep in mind that the process may take a long time, especially if it is necessary to perform tests to diagnose disease or coordination is necessary with the country of destination.
2. Quarantine
   1. Most of the countries require that prior to the flight the bird will be quarantined under government supervision protected from contact with other birds. In most cases, a 30-day quarantine is required.
   2. Provide the official veterinarian with the information about the quarantine facility before the bird begins quarantine.
3. Health certificate
   1. To obtain the health certificate from the official veterinarian, please complete Appendix 3 and send it to him.
   2. Make an appointment with the official veterinarian to have the bird checked and the certificate signed prior to the flight date. The appointment must be arranged at least one week in advance by telephone 04-6303482/465. Bring the bird, flight cage (see clause 6), wild animal export permit (see clause 4) and confirmation of the fee payment (see clause 5).
4. Wildlife export permit (or CITES certificate)[[3]](#endnote-3): Contact the Nature and Parks Authority at [import@npa.org.il](mailto:lironi@npa.org.il).
5. Payment of a fee: You have to pay a fee of NIS 39. Payment is done through the Ministry of Agriculture's website[[4]](#endnote-4) or by phone 03-9681656.
6. Flight cage: Fit the cage to IATA guidelines (Appendices 4 and 5), including a stand rod, absorbent bedding, food utensils and water utensils.
7. Please note:
   1. Contact the airline and find out what the company's policy on animal transport is; If the bird enters the aircraft as hand luggage, make sure that the seat you are given is adjusted;
   2. If you plan to return the bird to Israel, you should contact the Import and Export Department by phone 03-9688986/7 and find out if birds are allowed from the destination country to Israel, and under what conditions;
   3. No rabies vaccine is required in birds;
   4. It is recommended to update the official veterinarian about your progress in the process to prevent malfunctions.

1. For non-commercial purposes only. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. For your convenience, Appendix 1 is the EU Health Certificate (which the Russian authorities have also accepted in the past), and Appendix 2 is the United States Health Certificate. Send the health certificate to the country of destination, make sure it is still valid and check for additional requirements. Please note that if the bird is shipped to the United States, an American import permit must be issued and the bird is placed under quarantine for thirty days within the United States. More details can be found on the APHIS website. [To link to the APHIS website click here https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel/bring-pet-into-the-united-states/pet-birds/pet-birds-non-us](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel/bring-pet-into-the-united-states/pet-birds/pet-birds-non-us) [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. According to the Israeli law a wild animal cannot be transferred without a general or special transfer permit (when it comes to cross-border movement an export permit is required). In addition, according to the Washington Convention (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) CITES permits (import and export) are required to regulate endangered wildlife trade. For an import permit contact the country of destination. [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
4. [For a link to pay the fee, click here http://ecom.gov.il/Counter/general/homepage.aspx?counter=51&catalog=3&category=ImportAndExport&language=he](http://ecom.gov.il/Counter/general/homepage.aspx?counter=51&catalog=3&category=ImportAndExport&language=he). [↑](#endnote-ref-4)