

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

BRINGING PET BIRDS



OUT OF SINGAPORE

SOME FACTS.....

- * Personal pet birds are exported for personal keeping or breeding and not for commercial purposes (eg. sale).
- * The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (**CITES**) is an international agreement to ensure that trade ceases to threaten wildlife with extinction. Singapore became a signatory to CITES in 1986 and regulates trade in endangered species through a system of permits. The National Parks Board (NParks) is the national CITES authority in Singapore (wef 1 Apr 2019).
- * Some birds such as parrots (eg. macaws, cockatoos, amazons), are protected under the CITES, which means that the export/re-export of the birds from Singapore would require CITES permit.
- * All parrots (*Psittaciformes spp.*), with the exception of 4 species, are protected under the CITES. The 4 non-CITES parrot species are the Peach-Faced lovebird (*Agapornis roseicollis*), Budgerigar (*Melopsittacus undulatus*), Cockatiel (*Nymphicus hollandicus*) and Ring-necked parakeet (*Psittacula krameri*).
- * Certain parrots are listed as highly endangered species under **CITES Appendix I**. This listing means that commercial import/export/re-export of the bird is not allowed unless the bird is bred in captivity in operations or farms that are registered with the CITES or used for non-commercial purposes.

STEPS TO EXPORT BIRDS

(1) Check if the bird can meet importing country's requirements



(2) Inform AVS at least 2 months before intended export as some countries may require the birds to undergo pre-export quarantine in Singapore and meet certain certification requirements.



(3a) Apply for a CITES import permit from importing country (if required by importing country)



(3) For CITES-listed birds, apply for a CITES export/re-export permit from NParks before export



(4) Apply for an AVS export licence within 30 days before export



(5) Make appointment online for inspection at Changi Animal and Plant Quarantine (CAPQ)



(6) Present **original** AVS export licence, CITES export/re-export permit (for CITES-listed birds) and health certificate (if applicable) to CAPQ officers during inspection of birds

MORE INFORMATION.....

(Step 1 & 2) Importing country's requirements

- Check if your pet bird meets the importing country's requirements.
- Some countries may require a pre-export quarantine, specific laboratory tests or special veterinary certification before export.
- Inform AVS of your intended export at least 2 months before export. This time allowance is needed so that AVS officers can make arrangements with you for approval of pre-export quarantine facilities and certification preparations (if necessary).

(Step 3 & 3a) Singapore CITES export/re-export permit and foreign CITES import permit if required (for CITES-listed birds)

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| CITES species? | <input type="checkbox"/> Check if your bird is a CITES-protected species by entering the species name (scientific name) of the bird in the CITES species database: http://www.speciesplus.net/ . If the species is listed, the details of the listing will appear in the search result as Appendix I, II or III. |
| Supporting document (to furnish to NParks prior to application) | <p>(a) If you purchased/acquired the bird from a local bird breeder/farm which has captive-bred the bird, please obtain a Letter of Transfer (LOT) or invoice/receipt from the seller/transferor.</p> <p>(b) If you previously imported or purchase an imported bird from a bird shop/farm etc., please provide a softcopy of the foreign CITES export/re-export permit or Singapore CITES import permit or a Letter of Transfer (LOT).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Provide a softcopy of the document from (a) or (b) to NParks (see contact details below) prior to your online application for the CITES export/re-export permit. <input type="checkbox"/> LOT must indicate all the necessary information such as species name (scientific and common names) of bird, CITES Appendix no., source, leg ring or microchip no. (if applicable), date of sale, Singapore CITES import permit no. (for imported birds) or date of hatching/captive-breeding record (for local captive-bred birds) and details of seller and buyer (eg. name, contact no. etc). |
| Apply CITES export/re-export permit | <input type="checkbox"/> Apply online via GoBusiness website: https://www.gobusiness.gov.sg/licences at least one week before departure of your bird. |

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| Obtain CITES import permit from importing country (if required) | <input type="checkbox"/> Check contact details of the CITES authority of the importing country on the CITES website: https://cites.org/eng/parties/country-profiles/national-authorities for CITES import permit requirement. <input type="checkbox"/> If CITES import permit is required, use a copy of the Singapore CITES export/re-export permit to facilitate application of the CITES import permit. | |
| Type of service | Normal | Express |
| Duration of processing & issuance | Within 7 working days | Within one working day |
| | Any incorrect or incomplete (including supporting documents) submission may delay the processing time or may render your application to be rejected. | |
| CITES Permit fee | S\$60 (Each CITES permit costs S\$12 per species subject to a minimum of S\$60 per consignment) | S\$120 (A surcharge equal to the permit fee will be imposed if the permit is required to be processed within a period shorter than 2 working days) |
| Status of application | <input type="checkbox"/> Check online via GoBusiness for status of your application. | |
| Payment | <input type="checkbox"/> Online payment via GoBusiness credit/debit card <input type="checkbox"/> Payment is required to be made in order to submit the application | |
| Printing of CITES permit | <input type="checkbox"/> You may print the permit on your own and is required to be printed on single-side, plain A4 white paper (normal 70 or 80gsm) in non-colour. | |
| Permit validity | 180 days, no further extension | |
| Usage of permit | Each CITES export/re-export permit can only be used once for one consignment. | |

(Step 4) AVS export licence

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| Apply for Licence to Export Animals/Birds/ Eggs/Biologics | <input type="checkbox"/> Apply online via GoBusiness website: https://www.gobusiness.gov.sg/licences within 30 days before export. <input type="checkbox"/> Quote the application number for the CITES export/re-export permit (for CITES-listed birds) under 'Remarks' field in your online application. <input type="checkbox"/> For CITES-listed birds, you may apply for the CITES export/re-export permit and AVS export licence at the same time. The AVS export licence will only be processed after the CITES export/re-export permit is approved. | |
| Type of service | Normal | Express |
| Duration of processing & issuance | Issuance within 2 working days from receipt of complete documents | Issuance within 1 working day from receipt of complete documents |
| Licence fee | S\$50 | S\$100 |
| Status of application | <input type="checkbox"/> Check online via GoBusiness for status of your application. | |
| Payment | <input type="checkbox"/> Online payment via GoBusiness by Paypal or credit/debit card under 'Payment' tab. | |
| Printing of licence | <input type="checkbox"/> Print the licence on your own if you have a printer or proceed to self-service station at HortPark Visitor Centre. | |
| Permit validity | 30 days | |

(Step 5 & 6) Clearance at Changi Animal and Plant Quarantine (CAPQ)

- For CITES species, make an appointment for the inspection of your consignment at CAPQ by submitting an online booking request via iFAST e-Service (<https://ifast.sfa.gov.sg/eserviceweb/>) at least 5 days before inspection, before 12.00pm.

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| Changi Animal and Plant Quarantine Station Gate C7, Airport Cargo Road Changi Airfreight Centre Changi Animal & Plant Quarantine Singapore 918104 Tel: 65457523 Click here for direction to CAPQ | Operating hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 0800H-2230H Tuesday, Thursday 0900H – 2100H Saturday 1000H-2230H Sunday and Public Holiday Closed |
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- ❑ Check with your airlines if there is any restriction or additional requirements for transporting pet birds.
- ❑ Present the **original** AVS export licence, CITES export/re-export permit (for CITES-listed birds), health certificate to CAPQ officers during the final health check of the bird before boarding. The bird's cage will be sealed after inspection.
- ❑ CAPQ officers will endorse the original CITES export/re-export permit and AVS export licence.
- ❑ Copies of the endorsed CITES export/re-export permit and AVS export licence will be retained by CAPQ.
- ❑ The original AVS export licence, CITES export/re-export permit and health certificate (where necessary) must accompany the bird to the destination country.

You may wish to know

- ❖ Certain species of cockatoo, macaw and amazon are highly endangered and protected under the **CITES Appendix I**. Check the listing of your bird on the CITES species database: <http://www.speciesplus.net/>.
- ❖ There are certain Appendix I bird species that are captive-bred by CITES-registered operations or farms for commercial purposes. The CITES register is available on CITES website: https://cites.org/common/reg/e_cb.html. If you are exporting/re-exporting the Appendix I bird from CITES-registered operation, please follow the above procedure (step 1 to 6).
- ❖ For export/re-export of Appendix I birds that are not produced from CITES-registered operations, NParks must sight a copy of the **CITES import permit** from the importing country first before we can issue the CITES export/re-export permit. You must also produce relevant supporting documents for your CITES export/re-export application (see step 3).

Not sure? Need advice?

If you need clarifications or assistance on the import/re-export procedure, feel free to contact NParks

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| Contact | animal_feedback@nparks.gov.sg |
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