



# Avian/Poultry Entry Requirements

## Poultry, Ratites, and Hatching Eggs Entry Requirements

### Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)

All poultry\* imported into California require a CVI, also known as a health certificate, completed by an accredited veterinarian. The CVI shall state, **“The shipment and flock of origin are free from evidence of contagious diseases, avian influenza, and exotic Newcastle disease.”**

Poultry means all chickens, turkeys, turkins, pheasants, peafowl, guinea fowl, quail, ducks, geese, swans, gallinules, doves, pigeons, grouse, partridges, francolin, tinamou, ostriches, and other ratites (including but not limited to the rhea, emu, and cassowary) and hatching or embryonated eggs.

### Exemptions:

- Poultry from flocks classified as Pullorum-Typhoid Free by their State of origin or by National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) and accompanied by their NPIP certification form.

### Public Exhibition Requirements

All poultry, including exhibition, exotic, and game birds, but excluding waterfowl, going to public exhibition shall come from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or equivalent flocks, or have had a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days of going to public exhibition.



For California entry requirements of other livestock and animals, please visit the following:  
[Information About Livestock and Pet Movement](#) or  
[Animal Health Entry Requirement Interactive Website](#)

## Budgerigars, Parakeets, and Other Psittacine Bird Entry Requirements

All budgerigars, parakeets, and other psittacine birds imported into California are recommended to have a CVI completed by an accredited veterinarian. Monk or Quaker parakeets are considered restricted species under the [California Department of Fish and Wildlife Restricted Species Laws and Regulations](#) and are not allowed into California.

### Avian Disease Outbreak Alert

In the event of an Avian Disease Outbreak, there may be additional California entry requirements for live poultry products, hatching eggs, and table eggs.



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For more information on the Animal Health Branch and Entry Requirements, please visit:  
[www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal\\_health](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health)