



Avian/Poultry Entry Requirements

Live Poultry and Hatching Egg 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 must be dated within 30 days prior to shipment and shall state, **“The shipment and flock of origin are free from evidence of contagious diseases, avian influenza, and virulent Newcastle disease.”** ([3 CCR §821.4](#))

Exemption:

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.

***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.



Psittacine and Other Pet Bird Entry Requirements



Psittacines (e.g. budgerigars, parrots, cockatiels, etc.) and other pet birds imported into California do **not** have any CVI or CDFA permit requirements.

Monk or Quaker parakeets are considered restricted species under the [California Department of Fish and Wildlife \(CDFW\) Restricted Species Laws and Regulations](#) and are **not** allowed into California. Please contact CDFW or visit their website for a full list of restricted birds.

Avian Disease Outbreak Alert

In the event of an Avian Disease Outbreak, there may be additional California entry requirements for live poultry/pet birds, poultry products, hatching eggs, and table eggs. Please visit the [Avian Health Program Website](#) for up-to-date information.

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Animal Health Branch

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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](#)

For more information on the Animal Health Branch please visit: www.cdffa.ca.gov/ah