Live Poultry and Hatching Egg Entry Requirements

All poultry* imported into California require:
A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), also known as a health certificate, completed by a USDA Category II accredited veterinarian. The CVI must be dated within 30 days prior to shipment.

Exemption:
Flock of origin is rated or classified as Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or Free by the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) and the imported poultry are accompanied by a VS Form 9-3. (3 CCR §821.4)

*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 at (916) 928-5845 or (916) 928-5853 or visit their website for more information.

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.

Animal Health Branch Permit Line:
(916) 900-5052

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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.cdfa.ca.gov/ah