

## Guidelines for the export of pet birds from the US to Japan

- The full requirements for traveling with pet birds are described in the health certificate. The following statements must be met:
  1. At the time of shipment, the bird(s) show(s) no clinical signs of West Nile fever, highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) or low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI).
  2. The bird(s) were kept for the past 21 days or from hatching in an “embarkation quarantine facility”\* where measures are taken to prevent entry of mosquitoes.
  3. The bird(s) originate from regions/zone\*\* free of HPAI and LPAI as designated by Minister of Health, Labor and Welfare of Japan.

*\*Pet birds must be quarantined (isolated) in a facility that prevents free-entry of mosquitoes for at least 21 days before travel. Examples of acceptable facilities include:*

- *Home where unscreened windows are kept closed and doors are only opened for entry and exit.*
- *An outdoor cage/ area with sealing doors and mosquito-proof screening.*

*\*\* Japan requires that birds originate from a region/zone free of HPAI and LPAI. Please visit the Japan Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare [website](#) (List of designated regions for birds) for information on restricted regions/zones.*

- APHIS endorsement of the health certificate is required after it has been issued by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian.
- Please visit the [Japan MHLW website](#) for additional requirements and more information on movement of birds to Japan.
- Please visit the [IREGS](#) (Birds (non-poultry) section) for more information regarding movement of commercial/resale pet birds.
- Please visit the [IREGS](#) (Poultry section) for information regarding the movement of poultry (day-old-birds and hatching eggs).