

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Rural Development

VETERINARY & LIVE STOCK SERVICES DIVISION

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## Conditions for the Importation of Gamecocks

- 1. Gamecocks can only be imported through established ports of entry (seaports of Castries, Rodney Bay and Vieux Fort or the George FL Charles and Hewanorra International Airports).
- 2. Gamecocks must be accompanied by an Import Permit issued by the Veterinary and Livestock Services Division, in St. Lucia, before importation.
- 3. Gamecocks must be accompanied by a **Health Certificate** issued no more than 48 hours of importation and signed by the Government Veterinary officials in the **Country of Origin**.
- 4. All Game Cocks must be identifiable, having an acceptable type of **Wing Band** OR **Micro-chip** implanted. Microchips must conform to ISO standard 11784, and reader to ISO standard 11785. If the microchip does not conform to the standard, bird owners will need to provide their own microchip reader to enable the microchip to be read successfully.
- 5. Gamecocks must be exported directly to St. Lucia and must not come into contact with any other animals along the way except such for which a similar permit has been granted.
- 6. The **Health Certificate** issued in (3) above shall be dated within 48 hours of import and shall state the following:
  - a) The Gamecocks were inspected and found to be healthy and free from clinical signs of any infectious/ contagious disease.
  - b) That the Gamecocks were born and raised in the country for which the permit is granted and have never left the said country.
  - c) There have been no outbreaks of New Castle Disease or Avian Influenza (Fowl Plague) in The Country of Origin for the last three (3) years
  - d) The birds have been tested for Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease for no more than 8 days of the travel date and test results are negative.

- e) The Game Cocks originated from countries which are recognized as being free from:
  - 1. Infectious Bursal Disease (IBD)
  - 2. Avian Encephalomyletis (AE)
  - 3. Merek's Disease (MD)
  - 4. Infectious Bronchitis (IB)
  - 5. Infectious Laryngotrachetis (ILT)
  - 6. Chronic Respiratory Disease (CRD)
  - 7. Complicated CRD (Colibacillosis mycoces)
- f) That game cocks originate from establishments known to be free of Psittacosis OR have undergone 45 days Chlortetracycline treatment immediately prior to export to St. Lucia.
- 7. On arrival in St. Lucia, animals and documents must be inspected by a Veterinary Inspector prior to release.

Three days notice of time, date and official port of entry should be given to facilitate clearance.

DATE	<b>CHIEF VETERINARY OFFICER</b>

N.B This is not an Import Permit