## MINISTRY OF AGRICUTURE, FOOD PRODUCTION, FISHERIES, CO-OPERATIVES AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT VETERINARY & LIVESTOCK SERVICES DIVISION

## **<u>Conditions for the Importation of Pet Hamsters</u>**

- 1. Hamsters must be accompanied by an Import Permit obtained at the Veterinary Division in St. Lucia (before importation) and a Health Certificate issued by a government Veterinarian in the country of origin. These must be available to the Veterinary Official at the Port of Entry.
- 2. Hamsters must be imported directly to St. Lucia and must not come in contact with any animals along the way except such for which a similar permit has been granted.
- 3. The Health Certificate (see #1 above) shall state the following:
  - That the animal were born and raised in the country for which the permit has been granted and have never left the country for the last twelve (12) months.
  - That the animal originated from establishments that are regularly inspected by the Veterinary Authority from which there have been no official reports of Salmonellosis, Ectromelia, Mouse Viral Hepatitis, Rota Virus infection, Sendai virus infection or Rabies for the twelve months or to exportation to St. Lucia.
  - That the animals were examined on the day of export and found to be free of any sign of infectious/contagious disease as well as internal and external parasites.
  - That the animal(s) were treated for internal/external parasites (especially Coccidia) not more than fourteen (14) days prior to the date of exportation.

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CHIEF VETERINARY OFFICER

N.B This is not an Import Permit