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**Notice Regarding Changes to Health Certification for Pet Birds
Exported to the United States**

Dear Chief Veterinary Officer,

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) extends its regards and would like to notify you of changes to health certification requirements for pet birds exported to the United States. Specifically, USDA APHIS is removing the requirements for non-U.S.-origin pet birds to undergo a 21-day pre-export isolation and to travel in sealed carriers. These changes will be effective on September 13, 2024; for reference, the new model health certificates are posted on the USDA APHIS pet bird website. For more information and to access the model health certificates, please visit: [Bring a Pet Bird into the United States \(usda.gov\)](https://www.usda.gov/pet-bird).

We would appreciate your assistance in informing certifying veterinarians in your country of these changes. Please direct any questions to Dr. Bettina Helm (Bettina.Helm@usda.gov).

Sincerely,

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