

**ANIMAL DISEASES (BIRDS) RULES,**

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1. These Rules may be cited as the Animal Diseases (Birds) Rules.
2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires—
  - “**birds**” includes domestic fowls, turkeys, geese, ducks, guinea-fowls, pea-fowls, pigeons, pheasants, parrots and ostriches, and the eggs of such birds;
  - “**inspecting officer**” includes a veterinary officer, an officer appointed under the Act and any person authorized by the Director to perform the duties of an inspecting officer under these Rules.
3. (1) Birds and eggs for hatching purposes may only be imported if accompanied by a declaration signed by the breeder to the effect that—
  - (a) the blood of each bird in the consignment, and the blood of each bird from which the eggs in the consignment originate, has been appropriately tested with negative results for bacillary white diarrhoea, and that, to the best of the breeder's knowledge and belief, the said disease does not exist among the birds on his farm or establishment.
  - (b) each bird in the consignment has been appropriately tested with negative results for tuberculosis.
  - (c) each bird and all eggs are from stock which is, to the best of the breeder's knowledge and belief, free from disease known as fowl paralysis.
4. All birds shall, if imported by sea, be imported through the port of Mombasa, and shall, if imported by air, be imported through one of the airports of Mombasa, Nairobi and Kisumu.
5. All birds imported from overseas shall be subjected to examination on board ship by an inspecting officer at the time of importation, and no birds shall be moved from the place appointed for examination by the inspecting officer except with the written consent of that officer.
6. The inspecting officer shall satisfy himself, after due inquiry, that the birds imported have not during the voyage either been in contact with any animal which would be likely to spread disease or been exposed to any other infection.
7. The importer shall satisfy the inspecting officer that no fodder or foodstuff likely to cause disease have been taken on board and have been in contact with the birds imported, and no fodder, foodstuffs or equipment shall be landed from the ship except such as are approved by the inspecting officer acting in accordance with instructions from the Director.
8. The inspecting officer may cause all birds imported to be inoculated, dipped, disinfected, sprayed or otherwise treated before a permit for movement is issued from the place of detention.
9. An inspecting officer may, with the authority of the Director, cause any birds imported, which are affected or suspected of being infected with any disease or which have been in contact with a diseased animal or have otherwise been exposed to infection or contagion of disease, to be destroyed, or subject the birds to treatment in accordance with these Rules.

**[Subsidiary]**

**10.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing rules, the Director may in special circumstances authorize the importation of any birds, and, at his discretion, allow the importation of any birds which are intended to be exported within forty-eight hours to Uganda or Tanzania.

**11.** The importation of birds from Tanzania or Uganda may be allowed subject to such conditions as the Director may direct.

**12.** (1) The certificate of a veterinary officer certifying that they have come from an area free from contagious and infectious disease must be furnished to the inspecting officer at the time of importation at the port of entry in respect of all birds imported from overseas.

(2) Such certificate shall be dated not more than ten days prior to the date of embarkation.

**13.** Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of these Rules shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding two thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two months or to both.

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