

**Guidelines relating to the importation of live chickens, pigeons and other gallinaceous birds
(including pheasants, guinea fowls, chukars, etc)
intended to be slaughtered for food from the Mainland**

Any person wishing to import live chickens, pigeons and other birds (including pheasants, guinea fowls, chukars, etc) intended to be slaughtered for food from the Mainland to Hong Kong is invited to perform the following steps:

1. Importers should obtain an <Animal Health Certificate> from the General Administration of Customs which manages the exportation of animal in the Mainland. The birds should be certified that they have not been infected with avian influenza.
2. <Animal Health Certificate> should be issued by official veterinarian of authorized General Administration of Customs from the Mainland in agreed format and attestations.
3. Man Kam To Control Point serves as the port of entry for birds consignment arriving Hong Kong by land. To prevent cross infection, food poultry from different sources of origin cannot be carried in the same lorry at the same time. After customs clearance, the lorry should be driven to Man Kam To Animal Inspection Station of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to undergo inspection with the following steps:
 - (1) The original of <Animal Health Certificate> issued by General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China must be presented to the staff of Veterinary Public Health Section of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department.
 - (2) After checking the information by the staff of Veterinary Public Health Section of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, samples will be taken from the birds for avian influenza testing.
 - (3) Plastic strip seals will be tied at the door of the lorries by FEHD staff.
 - (4) After receiving the <Record of Movement for Poultry Truck>, drivers can carry the birds to the Cheung Sha Wan Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market waiting for the testing result.
4. All live chickens, pigeons and gallinaceous birds (including pheasants, guinea fowls, chukars, etc) intended to be slaughtered for food should be transported to the Cheung

Sha Wan Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market waiting for the result of laboratory testing. The birds may be collected for further investigation if the result is positive.

5. (1) According to Regulation 7A of the Public Health (Animals and Birds) Regulations, Cap. 139A, Laws of Hong Kong, all imported live birds (no matter what quantity or which species) should be accompanied by a valid health certificate. Offender is liable to a fine at level 4 (\$25,000) and the birds may be subject to forfeiture.

(2) Contravention to Section 8 of the Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Chemical Residues) Regulation, Cap. 139N, Laws of Hong Kong, commits an offence and is liable to a fine at level 6 (\$100,000).
6. If gallinaceous birds (including pheasants, guinea fowls, chukars, etc) intended to be slaughtered for food are imported from the Mainland, the importer should apply for an <Animal Traders Licence> to allow buying and selling activity. For details please call Agricultural, Fisheries and Conservation Department at (852)2150 7055.

For enquiries on the importation of live birds intended to be slaughtered for food, please contact the following offices during office hours:

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