

# POULTRY APPROVAL PACKET JANUARY 1, 2016

## Poultry Packet Includes:

- Memo – Notice of Poultry Approval Number Application for the calendar year 2016.
- Application for an approval number governing the importation of various species of birds, poultry and hatching eggs into Virginia during the calendar year of 2016. **Be sure to sign the form and forward it to your state's NPIP representative.** Instruct him/her to forward the completed form to us. Our fax number 540-432-1357 or email to [Kymberly.hammer@vdacs.virginia.gov](mailto:Kymberly.hammer@vdacs.virginia.gov) If you are not a NPIP participant, please include all proper testing documents with the application.
- 2 VAC 5-141-60 – Virginia's Poultry Importation Regulations. (Please see attached)
- State Codes § 3.2-6001; 3.2-6002; 3.2-6003; 3.2-6010 – Importation of subject avian species; the right to test and require pre-movement testing **.All birds subject to this provision shall have been tested negative for Avian Influenza within 14 days prior to actual importation.**
- **Hatching eggs/day old birds may enter on their NPIP AI Clean status.**

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SUBJECT: NOTICE FOR POULTRY APPROVAL NUMBER APPLICATION FOR THE YEAR, 2016

Enclosed is an application for a Virginia Approval Number to ship hatching eggs, chicks, chickens, poults, turkeys, exhibition birds, upland game birds, zoo birds and various other species of birds and poultry into Virginia for the year 2016. Before you complete this application, however, please be sure to read the enclosed materials. Virginia has some health requirements which must be met prior to shipping poultry/eggs into the state.

According to Virginia Agricultural Regulation 2 VAC 5-141-60 Avian Importation Requirements, an import approval number is required and poultry entering Virginia are to be free of *Salmonella pullorum/gallinarum*. In addition Virginia Code 3.2-6001, 3.2-6002, 3.2-6003 and 3.2-6010 which requires most imported birds to be tested negative for Avian Influenza within 14 days prior to importation. Shippers of all hatching eggs and day old birds can meet our AI importation requirements by being a participating member of the NPIP AI Clean Program. Evidence of AI testing is to be provided in the remarks line of the VS Form 9-3 along with your approval number. Older birds must be tested for AI within 14 days prior to arrival.

An approval number is required for each state from which your company ships birds into Virginia. Please make additional copies of the attached application as needed. Mail or fax your completed application to your state's NPIP representative who is to sign it. If you are not a NPIP participant, please include all proper testing documents along with your application. Instruct him/her to fax us the completed application at the above listed fax number so we can issue the approval number to you.

Violation of these importation laws and regulations is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

If you have any questions, please call 540-209-9120, and speak to the NPIP Representative.



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Form OVS1201

**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL NUMBER FOR THE IMPORTATION OF POULTRY**

Approval Numbers expire December 31 of each year and must be renewed annually. Indicate the year for which you are applying: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name and Address**

Name:

Flock/Hatchery of Origin Address:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

Email Address:

**Class of Poultry (check all that apply and indicate flock size or hatchery capacity)**

**Chickens**  Hatching Eggs  Birds under 4 months of age  Adult Birds  Slaughter Birds  
Breed/Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Flock Size or Hatchery Capacity: \_\_\_\_\_

**Turkeys**  Hatching Eggs  Birds under 4 months of age  Adult Birds  Slaughter Birds  
Breed/Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Flock Size or Hatchery Capacity: \_\_\_\_\_

**Waterfowl**  Hatching Eggs  Birds under 4 months of age  Adult Birds  Slaughter Birds  
Species/Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Flock Size or Hatchery Capacity: \_\_\_\_\_

**Game Birds**  Hatching Eggs  Birds under 4 months of age  Adult Birds  Slaughter Birds  
Species/Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Flock Size or Hatchery Capacity: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ratites**  Hatching Eggs  Birds under 4 months of age  Adult Birds  Slaughter Birds  
Species/Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Flock Size or Hatchery Capacity: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature**

I will abide by 2VAC5-141-60 of the Virginia Administrative Code and the current Virginia State Veterinarian's Avian Influenza Proclamation and adhere to all requirements of such for each and every shipment of poultry consigned to Virginia for the calendar year for which this approval number will be granted, and understand that it is my responsibility to monitor such for changes.

Signature:

Date:

**NPIP Certification (must be completed by your state's Official State NPIP Representative)**

US Pullorum/Typhoid Clean Flock

US Pullorum/Typhoid Clean State

US M. gallisepticum Clean Flock/State

US M. Synoviae Clean Flock

NPIP AI Clean Flock

US Sanitation Monitored

Other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

For chickens and turkeys, and the parent flock of chicken and turkey hatching eggs, please indicate the date and percentage of positive reactions for the most recent Pullorum-typhoid test:

Official State NPIP Representative Name:

Official State NPIP Representative Title:

Official State NPIP Representative Signature:

Date:

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Approval Number

Date Issued

Expiration Date

Chapter 141. Health Requirements Governing the Admission of Agricultural Animals, Companion Animals, and Other Animals or Birds into Virginia

2VAC5-141-60. Avian entry requirements.

A. All birds in commerce not classified as poultry must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 10 days prior to entry into Virginia. Any poultry in commerce that by its nature is fit only as a pet must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 10 days prior to entry into Virginia.

B. For all other poultry, excepting poultry for immediate slaughter and going directly to a slaughter establishment, approval numbers are required for shipments of poultry and hatching eggs.

1. Each shipper of poultry or hatching eggs shall first secure an approval number from the State Veterinarian. This approval number must appear on each shipment of poultry or hatching eggs shipped into Virginia.

2. Applications for approval numbers must be made on forms provided by the State Veterinarian. Each application shall require the following information on each premises from which the poultry or hatching eggs originate:

a. The name and address of each premises owner;

b. The species and the number of birds for each on each premise, or for hatcheries hatching capacity;

c. For chickens and turkeys, and the parent flock of the hatching eggs of chickens and turkeys, the date of the most recent Pullorum-typhoid test, the total number or the percentage of positive reactions to said test, and the Pullorum-typhoid status attained; and

d. Any additional information the State Veterinarian may require.

3. Applications, when completed, must be forwarded to the official state agency, the state livestock health official, or other competent and recognized authority of the state of origin for verification, approval, and signature and then forwarded to the State Veterinarian for final approval.

4. Poultry and hatching eggs shall not be shipped into Virginia until final approval has been granted and the approval number is received.

C. Chickens, turkeys, and hatching eggs of chickens and turkeys shall not be imported into Virginia unless originating exclusively from flocks or hatcheries participating in the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) or issued a permit and negative to a Pullorum-typhoid test within 30 days prior to entry.

D. Poultry shall not be imported into Virginia unless the following conditions are met concerning avian influenza (H5 and H7):

1. Requirements governing hatching eggs and certain day-old birds:

a. Hatching eggs shall originate from a breeder flock that participates in and meets the requirements of the "U.S. Avian Influenza Clean" program for chickens or "U.S. H5/H7 Avian Influenza Clean" program for turkeys of the National Poultry Improvement Plan.

b. Day-old chickens, day-old game birds, and day-old turkeys shall originate from a hatchery that only handles hatching eggs that originate breeding flocks that participate in and meet the requirements of the "U.S. Avian Influenza Clean" or "U.S. H5/H7 Avian Influenza Clean" programs of the National Poultry Improvement Plan.

c. A statement certifying that the breeder flock shipping hatching eggs and all breeder flocks supplying eggs to the hatchery shipping day-old chickens, day-old game birds, or day-old turkeys participates in and meets the requirements of the "U.S. Avian Influenza Clean" or "U.S. H5/H7 Avian Influenza Clean" programs of the National Poultry Improvement Plan shall be provided.

2. Requirements governing all other poultry:

a. The poultry is tested and found negative for avian influenza (H5 and H7) within 14 days prior to entry into Virginia or comes from a flock that has first been tested with negative results within 14 days prior to entry in Virginia as follows:

(1) Breeding chickens and turkeys: 20 birds per house minimum, or for flocks of 500 or fewer, 20 birds minimum as long as all houses and pens on the premises are represented.

(2) Grow out turkeys for immediate slaughter at a slaughter establishment: 10 birds per house minimum for multi-stage farms and 10 birds per farm, with at least five birds per house, on single-stage farms.

(3) Broiler chickens less than or equal to 70 days of age for immediate slaughter at a slaughter establishment: 11 birds per premises with at least one per house.

b. The results of the tests for avian influenza are recorded and signed by an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin or are recorded on a report issued by a laboratory approved by any state or federal animal authority. Only agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID), enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA), polymerase chain reaction (PCR), virus isolation, or other avian influenza test methods approved by the state veterinarian and conducted in a laboratory approved by a state or federal animal health authority will be permitted.

E. Exemptions.

1. This chapter shall not apply to birds that are passing directly through Virginia to another state in interstate commerce.

2. This chapter shall not apply to birds other than poultry when the birds are kept properly under control by their owner or custodian when passing through Virginia to another state.

3. This chapter shall not apply to birds other than poultry brought into Virginia by a resident or by a resident of another state who intends to make his residence in Virginia except if brought into Virginia with the intent of offering it for public adoption, transfer, sale, trade, or promotional incentive.

4. This chapter shall not apply to birds other than poultry brought into Virginia for less than 10 days for the purpose of hunting or legal exhibition with no change of ownership.

F. This chapter shall not be construed to (i) permit the entry into Virginia of any avian species otherwise prohibited or restricted by any state or federal law, regulation, or directive; or (ii) contravene additional entry requirements imposed by any state or federal law, regulation, or directive.

Statutory Authority §§ 3.2-5902 and 3.2-6002 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from Virginia Register Volume 28, Issue 8, eff. January 18, 2012; amended, Virginia Register Volume 32, Issue 3, eff. November 19, 2015.