

# Poultry Permit Packet January 1, 2011

## Poultry Packet Includes:

- Memo – Notice of Poultry Permit Application for the calendar year 2011.
- Application for permit governing the importation of various species of birds, poultry and hatching eggs into Virginia during the calendar year of 2011. **Be sure to sign the form and forward to your state's NPIP representative for signature.** Instruct him/her to forward the completed form to us. Our fax number 540-432-1357.
  - **Note:** Birds moving from one zoo directly into Virginia to another zoo will need a permit and appropriate testing. However, it will not necessitate having the permit application signed by your state's NPIP representative. Complete the top 1/3 portion of the permit application and fax it directly to the Harrisonburg, VA office at the above number to receive your import permit number.
- 2 VAC 5-140-90 – Virginia's Poultry Importation Regulations.
- Avian Influenza Proclamation – December 4, 2009 edition – the most current.
- 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.**

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES  
DIVISION OF ANIMAL AND FOOD INDUSTRY SERVICES  
OFFICE OF VETERINARY SERVICES  
261 MT. CLINTON PIKE  
HARRISONBURG, VA 22802  
PHONE 540-209-9120 ~ FAX 540-432-1357

SUBJECT: NOTICE FOR POULTRY PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE YEAR,  
2011

Enclosed is an application for a Virginia Permit 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 2011. 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 5-140-90 Poultry Importation Requirements, an import permit is required and poultry entering Virginia are to be free of *Salmonella pullorum/gallinarum*, and *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*. In addition Virginia Code 3.2-6001, 3.2-6002, 3.2-6003 and 3.2-6010 permits the creation of the December 4, 2009, revised Avian Influenza Proclamation 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. (See AI Proclamation sections A. 1, 2, and 3). Evidence of AI testing is to be provided in the remarks line of the VS Form 9-3 along with your permit number. Older birds must be tested for AI within 14 days prior to arrival.

A permit 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. Instruct him/her to fax us the completed application at the above listed fax number so we can issue the permit 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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**APPLICATION FOR PERMIT GOVERNING THE IMPORTATION OF VARIOUS  
BIRDS, POULTRY AND HATCHING EGGS INTO VIRGINIA – YEAR 2011**

I, (We) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and complete address)

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

hereby applies to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for permission to ship the following into the state of Virginia. Please check the appropriate statements.

<input type="checkbox"/> Poults under 4 months of age	<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey hatching eggs
<input type="checkbox"/> Chicks under 4 months of age	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken hatching eggs
<input type="checkbox"/> Other domestic fowl, i.e. quail, pheasants, Bantams, exhibition birds, zoo birds, exotic breeds and species, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Hatching Eggs of other domesticated birds
<input type="checkbox"/> Pullets under 16 weeks of age	<input type="checkbox"/> Waterfowl and/or waterfowl eggs
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult chickens and/or turkeys	<input type="checkbox"/> Chickens, turkeys, other _____ for slaughter

\*\*\*\*\*I am familiar with the rules and regulations governing the importation of poultry and hatching eggs into Virginia and agree to comply with them all, including the Avian Influenza Proclamation dated Dec 4, 2009. I may be asked to submit proof of AI testing in accordance with Virginia's AI Proclamation.\*\*\*\*\*

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Signature of breeder/hatchery manager

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OFFICIAL STATE AGENCY After completion of the top portion, forward this to your State NPIP Representative. The status of the above checked products must be indicated below or the permit will not be issued.

<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Pullorum/Typhoid Clean State	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. M. synoviae Clean Flock
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Pullorum/Typhoid Clean Flock	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Sanitation Monitored
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. M. gallisepticum Clean Flock/State	<input type="checkbox"/> NPIP AI Clean Flock
<input type="checkbox"/> Other – (explain)	

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature- Official State NPIP Rep / Title

Note: Any permit issued on the basis of this application is valid only for the items checked above. Submit original and keep a copy for your records. Be sure this application is properly endorsed by your State's NPIP Representative.

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER SERVICES  
DIVISION OF ANIMAL & FOOD INDUSTRY SERVICES  
STATE VETERINARIAN'S OFFICE  
P. O. BOX 1163  
RICHMOND, VA 23218**

**AVIAN INFLUENZA (H5 and H7) PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Virginia poultry growers and owners have experienced significant economic losses from Avian Influenza,

WHEREAS, Avian Influenza outbreak eradication efforts and indemnity payments have been costly to the federal government and the Commonwealth of Virginia, and

WHEREAS, another serious outbreak of Avian Influenza could threaten the future of the Virginia poultry industry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to Sections 3.2-6001, 3.2-6002, 3.2-6003, 3.2-6004, 3.2-6008, 3.2-6010, 3.2-6019, and 3.2-6023 of the Code of Virginia; Sections 40 and 90 of 2 VAC 5-140, Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Health Requirements Governing the Admission of Livestock, Poultry, Companion Animals and other Animals or Birds into Virginia; and 2 VAC 5-195, Prevention and Control of Avian Influenza in the Live-Bird Marketing System, the following requirements are implemented:

A. Requirements governing hatching eggs and certain day-old birds

No person may bring or ship into Virginia any hatching egg, day-old chicken, day-old game bird, or day-old turkey unless:

1. (In the case of the hatching egg) the hatching egg originates from a breeder flock that participates in and meets the requirements of the "U.S. Avian Influenza Clean" program of the National Poultry Improvement Plan and (in the case of the day-old chicken, day-old game bird, or day-old turkey) the hatchery from which the day-old chicken, day-old game bird, or day-old turkey originates only handles hatching eggs that originate from breeding flocks that participate in and meet the requirements of the "U.S. Avian Influenza Clean" program of the National Poultry Improvement Plan; and
2. The person holds a permit for such shipment from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Permits may be obtained by calling 540/209-9120); and

3. 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 participate in and meet the requirements of the "U.S. Avian Influenza Clean" program of the National Poultry Improvement Plan, and the permit number shall be entered in block #10 of VS Form 9-3.

B. Requirements governing all other poultry.<sup>1</sup>

Except as provided by paragraph A ("Requirements governing hatching eggs and certain day-old birds"), no person may bring or ship into Virginia any poultry, unless:

1. The poultry is first tested and found negative for avian influenza (H5 and H7), or comes from a flock that has first been tested (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) and found negative for avian influenza (H5 and H7) within 14 days of the poultry entering Virginia;
2. The person holds a permit for such shipment from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (telephone 540/209-9120); and
3. The results of the test for avian influenza and the permit number are recorded on a health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin or on a report issued by a laboratory approved by any state or federal animal health authority.

In testing for Avian Influenza, only the AGID, ELISA, Directigen, PCR, Antigen Capture Immunoassay (Flu-Detect), virus isolation or other test methods approved by the state veterinarian in a laboratory approved by a state or federal animal health authority will be permitted.

C. Live Bird Market System

Live Bird Marketing System suppliers, distributors, and markets doing business in Virginia must be registered with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and must be in compliance with 2 VAC 5-195.

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<sup>1</sup> "Poultry" is defined to mean any domesticated fowl, including but not limited to chickens, turkeys, ostriches, emus, rheas, cassowaries, waterfowl, and game birds.

D. Exceptions to Proclamation

1. Nothing in this proclamation shall apply to:
  - a. Any poultry or hatching egg passing directly through Virginia to another state without being removed from its primary container, or
  - b. Any pigeons, doves, finches, psittacines, birds of prey, song birds and coraciiformes.
2. Import permits are not required for out-of-state poultry for immediate slaughter and going directly to a USDA or VDACS approved and inspected slaughter facility.
3. Grow out turkeys for immediate slaughter and going directly to a USDA or VDACS approved and inspected slaughter facility from an out-of-state farm that is part of a Virginia based complex<sup>2</sup> must test 10 birds per house minimum and all tests be found negative for avian influenza (H5 and H7) within 14 days before the turkeys enter Virginia. Owners shipping broilers ≤70 days of age for immediate slaughter and going directly to a USDA or VDACS approved and inspected slaughter facility must test 11 birds per premises and all tests be found negative for avian influenza (H5 and H7) within 14 days of entering Virginia.

E. Effective date of proclamation

This proclamation shall take effect December 4, 2009 and supersedes Avian Influenza (H5 and H7) Proclamation, effective November 18, 2008.

Richard L. Wilkes, DVM  
/s/  
State Veterinarian  
Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

December 4, 2009

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<sup>2</sup> "An out-of-state farm that is part of a Virginia based complex" is defined as one of a group of farms providing grow out turkeys to a Virginia processing facility and serviced by the same hatchery and feed mill.

## 2 VAC 5-140-90. Poultry – Importation Requirements for Virginia

### A. Pullorum-typhoid

Hatching eggs and poultry shall not be imported into the Commonwealth of Virginia unless such eggs or poultry originate exclusively from flocks participating in the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) or the National Turkey Improvement Plan (NTIP) (Code of Federal Regulations, Title 9, Chapter 1, Parts 1 to 199). These programs shall be under the supervision of the official state agency of NPIP or NTIP, the livestock health official, or other authorized government agency of the state of origin certifying them to be free of Pullorum-typhoid.

### B. Mycoplasma gallisepticum

Hatching eggs and poultry shall not be imported into the Commonwealth of Virginia unless such eggs or poultry originate from flocks that are designated free of *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* by the livestock health official of the state of origin. Each importer of hatching eggs or poultry into Virginia shall secure from the State Veterinarian an approval number, after having provided evidence that the flocks of origin are free of *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*. This approval number shall appear on shipping labels or containers of each lot shipped into Virginia.

### C. Approval numbers

1. Each shipper of hatching eggs or poultry shall first secure an approval number from the State Veterinarian. This approval number must appear on each shipping label or on each container of hatching eggs or poultry 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 flock from which the hatching eggs or poultry originate:

- a. The name and address of each flock owner;
- b. The species (i.e. chickens, or turkey) and the number of birds in each flock;
- c. The date of the most recent Pullorum-typhoid test;
- d. The total number, or the percentage, of positive reactions to the most recent Pullorum-typhoid test;
- e. The Pullorum-typhoid status obtained; and
- f. Such additional information as the State Veterinarian may require.

3. Such 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. Hatching eggs or poultry shall not be shipped into Virginia until final approval has been granted and the approval number is received.

### D. Exceptions.

This regulation shall not apply to hatching eggs or poultry passing directly through the Commonwealth of Virginia in interstate commerce, nor to poultry imported into the Commonwealth of Virginia for immediate slaughter and consigned directly to a poultry processing establishment that is approved and inspected by the United States Department of Agriculture or by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumers Services.