

**Legislative Regulation
Review Committee**

2009-063

Department of Public Health

PSITTACINE BIRDS

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OF

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Concerning
Psittacine Birds

SUBJECT MATTER OF REGULATION

Sec. 1. Section 19a-36-A23 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

19a-36-A23. Regulation of traffic in psittacine birds.

- (a) [Persons who import, purchase, breed, sell, exchange, barter, give away or otherwise deal in psittacine birds shall keep records of such transactions embodying information required by the state department of health for a minimum period of two years, which records shall be open for inspection by the local director of health or a representative of the state department of health.] "Psittacine birds" means all birds commonly known as parrots, macaws, cockatoos, lovebirds, parakeets, cockatiels and all birds of the order psittaciformes.
- (b) [All * * * parakeets imported, purchased, sold, exchanged, bartered or given away shall be closed metal seamless banded with a band identifying the breeder by whom they were bred.] Persons who import, purchase, breed, sell, exchange, barter, give away or otherwise deal in psittacine birds shall keep records of such transactions embodying information required by the state department of public health for a minimum period of two years, which records shall be open for inspection by the local director of health, a representative of the state department of public health, a local animal control officer, or a representative of the state department of agriculture.
- (c) [All * * * parakeet breeding stock shall be closed metal seamless banded.] All psittacine birds imported, purchased, sold, exchanged, bartered or given away shall be banded with a metal leg band that has a diameter adequate for the species. Said band shall contain a unique identifier for each individual bird except that such requirement shall not apply to parakeets. This subsection shall not prohibit the use of a unique identifier for parakeets. The leg band design may be closed, or opened (seamed) provided that it is tamper evident.
- (d) [Each person intending to breed psittacine birds shall file written notification of such intent with the local director of health and the state department of health before engaging in such procedure and annually thereafter on January first.] A microchip that includes the unique identifier for each individual bird may be used in place of a leg band. If a microchip is used, an appropriate microchip reader must be available at any establishment where psittacine birds are purchased, bred, sold, exchanged, bartered, given away or otherwise handled.
- (e) [When illness occurs among the psittacine birds or in case of suspected human psittacosis, local directors of health shall quarantine all birds suspected of psittacosis until considered safe.] For each psittacine bird, records shall include the date of arrival on premises, description (i.e. species, common name, variety), unique identifier consistent with the leg band or microchip, source including name, address, and phone number of the prior owner, and the date and description of the final disposition. If the final disposition is a change of ownership, records shall also include name, address, and phone number of the person accepting ownership.
- (f) [In case of suspected psittacosis, the local director of health or a representative of the state department of health shall have the right to confiscate as many of the suspected birds as necessary to provide a sufficient sample for laboratory testing. If laboratory examination shows the presence of psittacosis virus, the remaining birds shall be killed and burned by the owner or other person in charge of such birds immediately on notification of such finding.] The local director of health may require testing, quarantine, evaluation, and treatment of all psittacine birds and any other birds suspected of infection or exposure to the bacterium that causes avian chlamydiosis. Testing, evaluation, and treatment shall be under the supervision of a Connecticut licensed veterinarian. The local director of health may also issue any appropriate order to assist in the prevention of the spread of infection to animals or people.
- (g) [Every person having the custody or care of any birds of the psittacine family shall notify the local director of health and state department of health immediately regarding any unusual illness or death among such birds.] No indemnity will be paid the owner or other person in charge of such birds as a result of quarantine, testing, evaluation, treatment, euthanasia or disposal. Disposal shall be consistent with existing state requirements and directions of the local director of health.
- (h) [Birds not of the psittacine family are to be regarded as dangerous when they have been exposed to psittacosis and, after such exposure, shall be quarantined for three weeks and killed and burned by the owner or other person in charge of such birds if they develop or appear to develop symptoms of the disease.] All psittacine birds imported into Connecticut shall be accompanied by an official health certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian certifying that the birds were healthy before shipment and had no known exposure to avian chlamydiosis in the preceding 60 days. The certificate shall include the date of veterinary inspection, and for each bird the description (i.e. species, common name, variety), and source including name, address, and phone number of the prior owner. The unique identifier as it appears on the leg band as described in subsection (c) of these regulations or the microchip as described in subsection (d) of these regulations shall be present on either (1) the official health certificate accompanying the bird or (2) a document attached to the official health certificate. If the unique identifier is located on a document attached to the official health

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certificate, the health certificate shall indicate where on the attached document the unique identifier is located.

- (i) [No indemnity will be paid the owner or other person in charge of such birds for destroyed birds.] If a parakeet is not assigned a unique individual identifier pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, the breeder by whom the parakeet was bred shall be identified on:
- (i) the leg band required indicated in subsection (c) of this section, or;
 - (ii) the microchip required indicated in subsection (d) of this section.
- Said breeder shall also be identified on:
- (i) records required pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, and;
 - (ii) the health certificate required pursuant to subsection (h) of this section.
- (j) Any shipment of psittacine birds into Connecticut for sale in Connecticut shall be accompanied by a certificate signed by a veterinarian certifying that the birds have been treated with chlortetracycline, or other approved medication, prepared and administered in accordance with procedures approved by the surgeon general of the United States Public Health Service or psittacine control.

Statement of Purpose: The purpose of the revisions to these regulations is to change the requirements for the banding of psittacine birds.

Be it known that the foregoing:

Regulations Emergency Regulations

are:

Adopted Amended as hereinabove stated Repealed

By the aforesaid agency pursuant to:

Sections 19a-36 of the General Statutes.

Section of the General Statutes, as amended by Public Act No. of the Public Acts.

Public Act No of the Public Acts.

After publication in the Connecticut Law Journal on July 7, 2009 the notice of the proposal to:

Adopt Amend Repeal such regulations

(If applicable): And the holding of an advertised public hearing on

WHEREFORE, the foregoing regulations are hereby:

Adopted Amended as hereinabove stated Repealed

Effective:

When filed with the Secretary of the State.

(OR)

The ____ day of ____ 20 ____.

Witness Whereof:	Date 10/22/09	SIGNED (Head of Board, Agency or Commission) <i>[Signature]</i>	OFFICIAL TITLE, DULY AUTHORIZED Commissioner
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Approved by the Attorney General as to legal sufficiency in accordance with Sec. 4-169, as amended, C.G.S.:	SIGNED <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE 9/15/09	OFFICIAL TITLE, DULY AUTHORIZED ASSOC. ATTY GENERAL
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Approved

Disapproved

Disapproved in part, (Indicate Section Numbers disapproved only)

Rejected without prejudice.

The Legislative Review Committee in accordance with Sec. 4-170, as amended, of the General Statutes	DATE	SIGNED (Clerk of the Legislative Regulation Review Committee)
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Two certified copies received and filed, and one such copy forwarded to the Commission on Official Legal Publications in accordance with Section 4-172, as amended, of the General Statutes.

DATE	SIGNED (Secretary of the State)	BY
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INSTRUCTIONS

Copy of all regulations for adoption, amendment or repeal, except emergency regulations, must be presented to the Attorney General for his determination of legal sufficiency. Section 4-169 of the General Statutes.

Eighteen copies of all regulations for adoption, amendment or repeal, except emergency regulations, must be presented to the standing Legislative Regulation Review Committee for its approval. Section 4-170 of the General Statutes.

Each regulation must be in the form intended for publication and must include the appropriate regulation section number and section heading. Section 4-172 of the General Statutes.

Indicate by "(NEW)" in heading if new regulation. Amended regulations must contain new language in capital letters and deleted language in brackets. Section 4-170 of the General Statutes.