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On Monday, 24 March 2024, a shipment accepted by Airlink Cargo, Kimberley, was inspected at World Flight Services' Cargo Warehouse in Cape Town. The shipment, containing two birds (Ringneck parrot and Alexandrine parrot) was found to be non-compliant with IATA Regulations and the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962. The parrots were placed in an inappropriate crate that was too small, forcing them into an unnatural and uncomfortable position (their tails were bent and obstructed by the floor of the crate), which is unacceptable.

As per the above-mention shipment, you are hereby warned:

Transporting animals in crates not suitable to their species-specific requirements is not permitted. Airlink Cargo, Kimberley must not accept shipments of crates that that afford contraventions of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 and which are not IATA compliant. Prior to any animal shipment being accepted by Airlink Cargo, it must be ensured that the crates used meet relevant standards.

As per the relevant standards, the container used for any bird being shipped must not cause the bird to damage itself and there must be sufficient height for the birds to perch within the crate with their heads upright and their tails clear of the floor (crates must be large enough and the animals contained therein should not be forced into restricted positions). The crate used in the above-mentioned shipment failed to meet such requirements yet was accepted by Airlink Cargo and shipped off regardless.

Refer to Sections 2(1)(b) and 2(1)(m) of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 read in conjunction with Chapter 8 (specifically 8.1. and 8.1.4) of IATA's Manual - Live Animals Regulations (LAR) Edition 51., and IATA's Live Animals Acceptance Checklists.

Written confirmation and feedback relating to the corrective action that will be taken to ensure all shipments will be properly inspected prior to being accepted by Airlink cargo (ensuring compliance with relevant standards) must be sent to insp4@sPCA-ct.co.za by 10:00 on Monday, 31 March 2025.

It is the responsibility of Airlink Cargo to ensure that all animal shipments they accept are compliant with the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 and IATA's Live Animals Regulations. Shall there be continued failure for Airlink Cargo to meet these standards, we will not hesitate to take further action.

This warning has been issued in terms of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act No 169 of 1993.

Failure to comply with this warning may render you liable for prosecution under the Animals Protection Act No 71 of 1962 and / or Performing Animals Protection Act No 24 of 1935.

Any person who: - obstructs, hinders or resists an officer authorised in terms of the Animals Protection Act No 71 of 1962 or conceals any animal shall be guilty of an offence in terms of Section 8(4) of the aforementioned Act.

SIGNED & ACCEPTED BY: Sent via email to kimberley@airlinkcargo.co.za .
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