



WARNING 18323

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On Monday, 24 March 2024, your shipment of two birds was inspected at World Flight Services' Cargo Warehouse in Cape Town. The shipment, containing a Ringneck parrot and an Alexandrine parrot, was found to be non-compliant in terms of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 and in terms of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animal Regulations (LAR). The parrots were placed in an inappropriate crate that was too small, forcing them into an unnatural and restricted 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. You may not ship birds in crates affording welfare contraventions. Prior to any animal being shipped, 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 off 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 shipped 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.

As the shipper, you are responsible for ensuring your animal shipments are welfare compliant and that any animals you ship are transported in appropriate crates suitable in size and afford adequate space. Further, it is your responsibility to review crate requirements prior to shipping animals.

Written confirmation that you will ensure your future shipments of live animals are compliant with relevant standards must be sent to insp4@spca-ct.co.za by 10:00 on Monday, 31 March 2025.

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 WhatsApp to 083 937 2002.
PLACE: Cape Town
INSPECTOR: Nicole Venter on 078 801 3362.