

IMPORTING FEATHERS AND FEATHER PRODUCTS

Importing feathers in bulk

Hobby Lobby needs to file for an USDA permit prior to shipment. The Asst. V.P. of International will file for the permit and keep it on permanent record. Yearly renewals will be taken care of also and a copy of the permit will be sent to the buyer.

Information needed to file the permit application:

- ❖ Mode of transportation
- ❖ Producers name and address
- ❖ Animal species
- ❖ Frequency of importation
- ❖ Treatment of material prior to importation into the U.S.
- ❖ Method of final disposition of imported material

All feather shipments will be examined by USDA upon arriving at the port. The feathers must be clean to include free of any blood and skin. If not clean, the shipment will be destroyed at the expense of the vendor plus the cost of merchandise.

A Veterinary Health Certificate is needed for every shipment. The certificate must state two things in the body of the certificate:

1. Feathers are clean, dry and free from blood, skin and manure.
2. Type of treatment vendor does on the feathers; example: Goods have been treated by boiling at 100 degrees centigrade for not less than 1 hour.

Finished items

If you purchase a finished item and it contains feathers, an USDA permit is not required. The vendor must include the species and scientific name of the feather on the commercial invoice. It should also state if the feathers are from domestic or wild animals.

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