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Transport of small and medium sized seed-eating birds — Code of practice

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Introduction

Small and medium sized seed-eating birds include gallinaceous birds like pheasant, partridges, quails and guinea fowls, and passerine and psittacine birds like munias, bulbuls, budgerigars, parrots, love birds and weaver birds. These birds are used for various purposes, such as pets, exhibits, game and food. In view of the increasing demand for these birds, they are frequently required to be transported. As transport requirements of small and medium sized birds are similar, a common code is being prescribed for their transport.

In the preparation of this East African Standard, the following sources were consulted extensively:

IS 5237:1969(R2000), *Code for Transport of Small and Medium Sized Seed-eating Birds*

Codex Alimentarius website: http://www.codexalimentarius.net/mrls/vetdrugs/jsp/vetd_q-e.jsp

USDA Foreign Agricultural Service website: <http://www.mrlatabase.com>

USDA Agricultural Marketing Service website: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/Standards>

European Union: http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/pharmaceuticals/veterinary-use/maximum-residue-limits/index_en.htm

Assistance derived from these sources is hereby acknowledged.

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1 Scope

This code covers the essential requisites for the transport of small and medium sized seed-eating birds by rail, road and air.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EAS 12, *Drinking (potable water) — Specification*

EAS 11, *Galvanized plain and corrugated iron sheets — Specification*

EAS 218:2001, *Farm implements — Method of sampling*

ISO 6361-1, *Wrought aluminium and aluminium alloy sheets, strips and plates — Part 1: Technical conditions for inspection and delivery*

ISO 6361-2, *Wrought aluminium and aluminium alloy sheets, strips and plates — Part 2: Mechanical properties*

ISO 6361-3, *Wrought aluminium and aluminium alloy sheets, strips and plates — Part 3: Strips — Tolerances on shape and dimensions*

ISO 6361-4, *Wrought aluminium and aluminium alloy sheets, strips and plates — Part 4: Sheets and plates — Tolerances on form and dimensions*

ISO 6362-1, *Wrought aluminium and aluminium alloy extruded rods/bars, tubes and profiles — Part 1: Technical conditions for inspection and delivery*

ISO 6362-2, *Wrought aluminium and aluminium alloy extruded rods/bars, tubes and profiles — Part 2: Mechanical properties*

ISO 6362-3, *Wrought aluminium and aluminium alloy extruded rods/bars, tubes and profiles — Part 3: Extruded rectangular bars — Tolerances on shape and dimensions*

ISO 6362-4, *Wrought aluminium and aluminium alloy extruded rods/bars, tubes and profiles — Part 4: Extruded profiles — Tolerances on shape and dimensions*

ISO 6362-5, *Wrought aluminium and aluminium alloy extruded rods/bars, tubes and profiles — Part 5: Extruded round, square and hexagonal bars — Tolerances on shape and dimensions*

ISO 6362-6, *Wrought aluminium and aluminium alloys — Extruded rods/bars, tubes and profiles — Part 6: Round, square, rectangular and hexagonal tubes — Tolerances on shape and dimensions*

ISO 16143-1, *Stainless steels for general purposes — Part 1: Flat products*

ISO 16143-2, *Stainless steels for general purposes — Part 2: Semi-finished products, bars, rods and sections*

ISO 16143-3, *Stainless steels for general purposes — Part 3: Wire*

ISO 657, *Hot-rolled steel sections*

ISO 15630-2, *Steel for the reinforcement and prestressing of concrete — Test methods — Part 2: Welded fabric*

3 Definitions

For the purpose of this standard the following definition shall apply:

3.1

Birds

Only medium and small sized seed-eating birds.

3.1.1

Small Size Birds

Include passerine and psittacine birds like munias, bulbuls, budgerigars, parrots, love birds and weaver birds, etc.

3.1.2

Medium Size Birds

Include gallinaceous birds like pheasant, partridges, quails and guinea and guinea fowls.

3.2

Size

The length, height and width of the birds shall be as defined in **3.2.1**, **3.2.2** and **3.2.3**.

3.2.1

Length

Tip of beak to tip of tail feathers.

3.2.2

Height

Tip of crown to toe while standing.

3.2.3

Width

Width across shoulders' feathers.

4 General conditions

4.1 Birds to be transported should be healthy and in good condition. They shall be examined and certified by a qualified person for freedom from contagious and infectious diseases and their fitness to undertake the journey.

4.1.1 Birds transported in the same cage shall be of the same species and maintained in compatible groups.

4.1.2 Birds shall be preferably transported in pairs. Many males of the same species shall not be transported in the same container. Only one pair of gallinaceous birds shall be transported in each cage or container.

4.1.3 Suitable perching arrangements shall be made in the cage while transporting passerine and psittacine birds like parrots, budgerigars, bulbuls, mynahs and munias.

4.1.4 Birds shall be properly fed and watered before they are packed in containers for transportation. Extra feed and water should be provided in suitable troughs in the cages.

4.1.5 The containers shall be properly cleaned and sterilized before the birds are placed in them. The use of injurious cleaning agents should be avoided.

4.1.6 Birds shall be placed in containers shortly before transportation to minimize the injury due to fluttering.

4.1.7 Arrangements shall be made for the watering, feeding and cleaning the cages during the journey.

5 Road travel

5.1 This mode of transport may be adopted only when the birds are to be transported over short journeys requiring 4 to 6 hours.

5.2 In road journey, in public vehicle, the birds shall be placed in a proper cage or container. The cage containing birds shall not be put on the roof of the vehicle but shall be put inside the vehicle easily approachable for inspection during transit.

5.3 The vehicle in which the birds are to be transported should avoid jerks and sudden stops. The speed of vehicle shall not exceed 40 kilometres per hour.

5.4 An attendant shall be present at all times during transit and shall ensure that proper transit conditions are observed.

5.5 The birds should not be exposed to rain or extreme temperatures. During hot weather, watering should be ensured every six hours.

6 Rail travel

6.1 In case the journey is for more than twelve hours, an attendant shall accompany the consignments.

6.2 The birds should not be exposed to rain or the direct blast of air.

6.3 During summer, watering facility should be provided every six hours.

7 Air travel

7.1 The cages shall be properly cleaned and sterilized before the birds are placed in the cage or container.

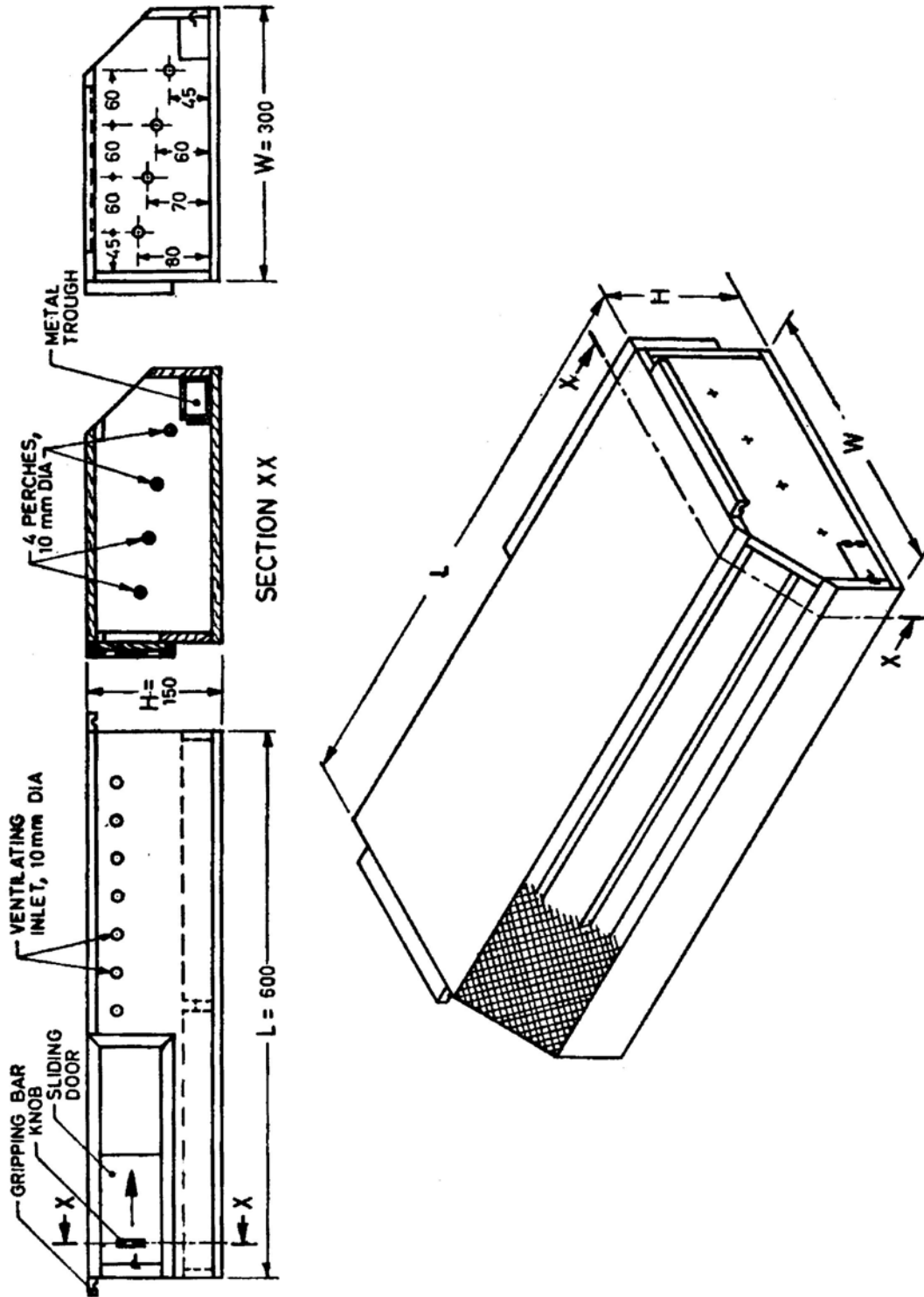
7.2 For international transport the containers carrying birds should be kept in pressurized compartment with regulated temperature and preferably kept near the door.

8 Containers and cages for transportation

8.1 Cages, containers and crates used to transport birds shall be of such material as will not collapse or crumble. They shall be well ventilated and designed to protect the health of the birds by giving them adequate space and safety.

8.2 The cages shall be as shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2. The cages may be of the size 600 x 300 x 150 mm. The maximum number of birds accommodated in these cages shall not exceed 40 medium or 65 small by air and 25 medium or 40 small by rail and road. When there is a significant change in the number of birds to be transported, the size of the cage may be reduced or increased correspondingly.

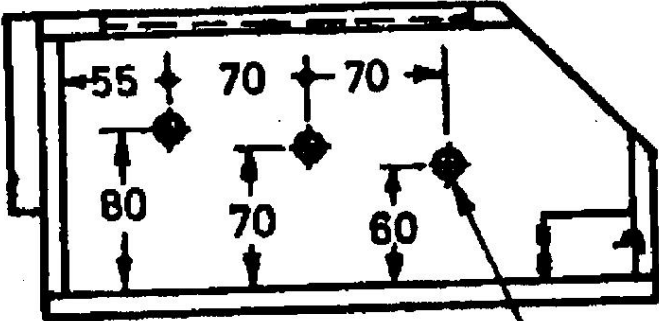
8.3 Labelling of containers — All containers shall be clearly labelled showing the name, address and telephone number of the consignor and the consignee and marked 'LIVE STOCK' in bold capital red letters and with such details as are necessary for the well-being of the birds.



All dimensions in millimetres.

Figure 1 — Cage for small size birds

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3 PERCHES, 12 mm DIA

Figure 2 — Cage for medium size birds

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