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Shipping Instructions: Foreign Air Force Base Birdstrike Remains

Due to H5N1 (avian flu) concerns, The Feather Identification Lab, Smithsonian Institution, is now issuing USDA approved guidelines for the shipment and treatment of bird remains from US Air Force bases located outside North America. The shipment process involves including **three additional documents with each birdstrike mishap sent for identification**. These documents are: 1) Certificate of Origin, 2) Certificate of Treatment, and 3) copy of the Smithsonian U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) permit.

The approved treatment options are listed on the Certificate of Treatment.

Please continue to follow the Safety Guidelines listed on the US Air Force website (http://afsafety.af.mil/SEF/Bash/SEFW_new.shtml) when *collecting* bird remains.

To ship bird remains from foreign military installations:

- Include a printout of the AFSAS mishap report and the attached 'treated' bird remains in a zip-lock bag
- Include a copy of the Certificate of Origin (template provided, fill in blanks), sign and date
- Include a copy of the Certificate of Treatment (template provided, circle the treatment option used), sign and date
- Include a copy of the Smithsonian APHIS permit (pdf provided, permit number 53886)
- Mark package "Safety Investigation Materials for Identification"
- Send by regular post. If you have a priority shipment, call or email the Feather Lab (202-633-0787, dovec@si.edu or 202-633-0908, heackerm@si.edu).

Thank you for your patience and understanding during the past few months. We look forward to working with you again on birdstrike issues. We will update you on any new events and provide copies of renewed permits as needed.



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