Questions and Answers Regarding the Use of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) Form 15 Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Dogs and Cats from the United States of America

- **Is this form required by all member countries of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), including Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Russia?**

APHIS has only been made aware of the Russian Federation requiring the EAEU Form 15 for entry of pets (dogs and cats). For entry to the other EAEU-member countries, travelers should inquire with a government official of the importing country.

- **In Section 2.2., it refers to a “quarantine.” What does that mean?**

According to EAEU Decision 317, a quarantine period is **not** required if there are 2 or fewer pets traveling, and if the pets are accompanied by a veterinary health certificate endorsed by APHIS, stating that the animals were examined within 5 days of travel.

- **In Section 2.2., it says that cats have to be “tested in the laboratory using methods recommended by the OIE for: dermatophytosis.” How do I test a healthy cat for dermatophytosis (a.k.a. ringworm)?**

The intent of this requirement is that all cats are physically examined for clinical signs of ringworm (dermatophytosis). Only if lesions are found during clinical examination would laboratory tests be required. Any animal with clinical signs of ringworm (dermatophytosis) should **not** be exported.

- **Section 2.2. requires all animals to be “vaccinated not later than 20 days before shipment if they were not vaccinated during the last 12 months.” What does that mean?**

Dogs must be vaccinated more than 20 days and less than 12 months before travel. The Russian Federation does not recognize multi-year rabies vaccinations. The pet must wait 20 days post vaccination of all required vaccines to travel.

- **Section 2.2., in addition to rabies vaccination, the EAEU Form 15 requires dogs to be vaccinated “against distemper, hepatitis, viral enteritis, parvovirus and adenovirus infections, leptospirosis.” Can you specify which vaccine I should be using?**

Dogs must be vaccinated more than 20 days, and less than 12 months before travel, against the following diseases: **1.)** canine distemper virus, **2.)** canine adenovirus type 1 (*hepatitis*), **3.)** canine parvovirus (*viral enteritis*), **4.)** canine adenovirus type 2 (respiratory disease), and **5.)** leptospirosis. Any single vaccine or combination products (Ex: either the DHPP, DAPP, or DA2PP, plus the Lepto vaccine) that is licensed and approved for use in the United States, is acceptable.
• *Section 2.2.*, in addition to rabies vaccination, the EAEU Form 15 requires **cats** to be vaccinated for panleukopenia. Can you specify which vaccine I should be using?

Any feline panleukopenia vaccine licensed and approved for use in the United States is acceptable. Cats must be vaccinated more than 20 days, and less than 12 months before travel, for both feline panleukopenia and rabies.

• *What goes in Section 2.3.?*

This section is optional and should only be completed if additional veterinary treatments were given. Otherwise it is to be left blank.

• *In Section 2.4., it says the animals “are identified.” What does that mean?*

This is not required of personal pets. This box is to be left blank.

• *In Section 2.5., it says “the means of transport are treated and prepared in accordance with the rules of the exporting country.” What does that mean?*

The animals should be transported in clean conveyances/crates/cages.

• *In the last block for “Signature of the Federal/official veterinarian,” who fills that in?*

The issuing USDA-accredited veterinarian completes as the signature block as the “Federal/official veterinarian” and APHIS will add their endorsement below in the blank section of the page.

The “Place” is the city and state where the vetting of the animal took place.

The “Official stamp” may be left blank, as this form will be endorsed by APHIS and APHIS will apply their official stamp accordingly.

Under “Name and position” please clearly print the name of the issuing USDA-accredited veterinarian and then write “USDA-Accredited Veterinarian.”

**NOTES:**
- The veterinary health certificate must be completed by a USDA-accredited veterinarian.
- The animal must be examined and the veterinary health certificate issued (signed & dated) by the USDA-accredited veterinarian within **5 days of travel**.
- The certificate MUST be endorsed by USDA-APHIS prior to travel.
- If you are exporting any other “fur-bearing animal,” (Ex: rabbit, ferret, mink, nutria, fox, or artic fox), please contact your Service Center for additional information on which veterinary health certificate to use for export.