

## **IMPORT CONDITIONS OF CANADA FOR PRAIRIE DOGS FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AS PERSONAL PETS**

### **DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:**

#### **IMPORT PERMIT**

- Needed to import the animal or product at the time of import
- Please contact local CFIA office to apply for an import permit BEFORE the animal(s) or thing(s) are imported.

#### **EXPORT CERTIFICATE**

- Is issued by the exporting country
- Must contain all statements and information as required by the Import Permit

USDA Official Zoosanitary Export Certificate must be issued by a USDA veterinarian, or issued by an accredited veterinarian and endorsed by a USDA veterinarian.

### **CONDITIONS OF IMPORT:**

The original of this permit and any other necessary export documentation pertaining to the shipment must be provided for inspection at the first port of entry.

The conditions in this permit can only be changed or amended by a CFIA inspector. Any change to the permit by an unauthorized person will render the permit invalid.

Accompanying export documentation must be issued in either English or French.

Should the disease status of the country of origin change between the time of issuance of this permit and the time of unrestricted entry into Canada, the import shipment may be refused entry into Canada or be subject to additional quarantine and testing or treatment. Importers will be responsible for any additional incurred costs.

The zoosanitary export documentation pertaining to the shipment must clearly describe the animal(s) or thing(s) and the country of origin. The export document must be issued by the certifying accredited veterinarian, licensed to practice in the United States. USDA Official Zoosanitary Export Certificate must be issued by a USDA veterinarian, or issued by an USDA accredited veterinarian and endorsed by a USDA veterinarian.

The number of animals that can be imported under these conditions is limited to 2 (two) or less.

### **CERTIFICATION**

The animals must be certify as inspected by an USDA accredited veterinarian as follows:

The animals in the consignment must be certified as inspected by an USDA accredited - veterinarian on the last business day immediately preceding export to Canada (to a maximum of seventy-two (72) hours prior to shipment) and to have been found healthy and free from any clinical evidence of communicable disease to which the species is susceptible (including but not limited to zoonotic diseases) and, as far as can be determined, exposure thereto. The date and time of the examination must be stated on the certificate;

The animal(s) being presented for importation must be certified to have been isolated on a premises without contact with any other animals (of a lesser or unknown health status) for a period of 30 days immediately prior to exportation;

The animals were found free of external parasites and treated for external parasites more than four (4) days before and not more than fourteen (14) days prior to importation into Canada;

The animals were deemed fit to travel.

The animals were kept isolated from animals/rodents of a lesser or unknown health status for the entire period immediately preceding export and will be kept isolated during transit to Canada.

The animals are born and raised in captivity, by captive raised and housed adult prairie dogs, with no contact with wildlife or rodents other than related, captive prairie dogs.

## **IMPORTER'S OBLIGATIONS**

The animal(s) and its accompanying documentation must be presented for inspection to a federal veterinary inspector at the first point of entry. Prior arrangements must be made to ensure that inspection will be provided at the appropriate time.

The importer is responsible for all costs incurred or associated with any testing or treatment of the animal(s) that may be required under the import permit or under the authority of the Health of Animals Act or the Health of Animals Regulations. The importer shall pay all fees for services required in respect of the importation under the National Animal Health Program Cost Recovery Fees Regulations in place at the time of importation.

Consideration of an application necessary for issuance of a permit to import the described animal is subject to Class 2 fees due to modification of conditions within the last two years.

Please note that the Class 2 fee is in effect until December 20th, 2012, at which time, if no further amendments are made to this protocol, the fee will revert to Class 1 fee.

The issuance of this permit does not relieve the owner or the importer of the obligation to comply with any other relevant federal, provincial or municipal legislation or requirement.

Failure to comply with the conditions contained in this permit or with the provisions of the Health of Animals Act and Regulations may result in the cancellation of this permit and will result in the forfeiture to the Crown of the animal(s) imported or in the removal of the animal(s) from Canada, all without compensation to, and at the expense of the importer. No person shall import any animal(s) into Canada from any country unless the animal(s) meet the conditions that are shown on the export certificate issued by the exporting country. The importer(s) are responsible for the animal(s) imported their health, fitness, soundness, and freedom from disease, active or latent, and genetic or other defects. Where the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) carries out tests and takes precautions when animal(s) are imported into Canada to reduce the risk of the introduction and spread of disease in Canada, such tests and precautions do not constitute and are not a warranty, guarantee, assurance, undertaking or anything similar that the animals imported are healthy, fit, sound, free from disease, active or latent or genetic or other defects and such tests and precautions do not relieve or lessen the importer's responsibility as set out above. The importer, his heirs, executors, successors and assigns release and discharges Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada and the CFIA of and from all claims and demands, damages, actions or causes of action arising or to arise by reason of the importation of the animals and agrees to indemnify and save harmless Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada and the CFIA from and against all actions, damages, claims and demands which may be brought in respect of or arising out of the importation of such animal(s), their health, fitness, soundness, freedom or otherwise from disease, active or latent, genetic or other defects.