

Imports of [commercial] dogs, cats, ferrets and non-commercial movements into the Union of more than five dogs, cats or ferrets

COUNTRY: United States of America

Part I : Details of dispatched consignment	I.1. Consignor Name Responsible person's name in the US Address Responsible person's address in the US Tel. Responsible person's telephone number in the US		I.2. Certificate reference No To be filled out by federal VS Area Office	I.2.a.	
			I.3. Central competent authority APHIS-VS		
			I.4. Local competent authority To be filled out by federal VS Area Office as "VS-XX", where XX is the State in which the endorsing office is located. (For example, enter "VS-VA" if the certificate will be endorsed by the VS Area Office in Virginia.)		
	I.5. Consignee Name Responsible person's name in the EU Address Responsible person's address in the EU Postal code Responsible person's address in the EU Tel. Responsible person's telephone number in the EU		I.6.		
	I.7. Country of origin US	ISO code US-0	I.8.	I.9. Country destination of ISO code EU country's name	I.10. Region of destination Code
	I.11. Place of origin Name US owner's/facility's name Approval number Address US owner's/facility's address Name Approval number Address Name Approval number Address		I.12.		
	I.13. Place of loading City and state where the animal(s) is/are leaving the US.		I.14. Date of departure Date the animal(s) is/are scheduled to leave the US		
	I.15. Means of transport Provide all details on the means of transport; i.e., flight number, ship name, etc. Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Ship <input type="checkbox"/> Railway wagon <input type="checkbox"/> Road vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Identification Documentary references		I.16. Entry BIP in EU ²The pet owner/exporter will need to work with the importer to determine the BIP code for the country in which the animal(s) will enter the EU		
			I.17. No(s) of CITES		
	I.18. Description of commodity Only one species per certificate. Please choose Dog(s), Cat(s), or Ferret(s).		I.19. Commodity code (HS code) 010619		
			I.20. Quantity Insert number of dogs, cats, or ferrets. Only one species per certificate.		
	I.21.		I.22. Number of packages		
	I.23. Seal/Container No Insert seal or container number, if applicable.		I.24.		
	I.25. Commodities certified for: Pets <input type="checkbox"/>		Approved bodies <input type="checkbox"/>		
	I.26.		I.27. For import or admission into EU <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
I.28. Identification of the commodities					
Species (Scientific name)	Identification system Microchip or Tattoo	Date of application of the microchip or tattoo [dd/mm/yyyy]	Identification number Microchip number or Tattoo number	Date of birth [dd/mm/yyyy]	
Each animal must be listed individually					
Choose one of the Scientific Names Dog: Canis familiaris Cat: Felis catus Ferret: Mustela putorius furo					

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	II.2.	at least 21 days have elapsed since the completion of the primary vaccination against rabies ⁽¹⁾ carried out in accordance with the requirements set out in Annex Ib to Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 (<i>See last page. This page is for reference only and is not part of the health certificate.</i>) and any subsequent revaccination was carried out within the period of validity of the preceding vaccination ⁽²⁾ and details of the current vaccination are provided in the table in point II.4. The health certificate may not be issued prior to 21 days after a primary rabies vaccination.																																													
	⁽³⁾ either II.3.	the animals come from a third country or territory listed in Section 2 of Part B or in Part C (United States is listed in Part C) of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 998/2003;] This states that the animals originate in the United States.																																													
	⁽³⁾ or II.3	the animals come from, and if transiting another third country or territory, are scheduled to transit through, a third country or territory listed in Part 1 of Annex II to Commission Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 and since the dates indicated in the table in point II.4, when blood samples were taken not earlier than 30 days after vaccination from each of the animals by a veterinarian authorised by the competent authority which subsequently proved antibody titres equal to or greater than 0.5 IU/ml in a virus neutralisation test for rabies carried out in an approved laboratory ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾ , at least 3 months have elapsed and any subsequent revaccination was carried out within the period of validity of the preceding vaccination ⁽²⁾ .] Rabies antibody tests are not required for export to any EU Member State if the animal originates in the United States.																																													
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To complete section II.5, ask: *Are the animals going to Malta, Ireland, Finland, or the UK?*

YES: Delete or line through (federal veterinarian initials the line-through)

NO: Delete or line through (federal veterinarian initials the line-through)

Do not line through this table as it may be used while the animal is in the EU.

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<p>Notes</p> <p>(a) The original of each certificate shall consist of a single sheet of paper, or, where more text is required it must be in such a form that all sheets of paper required are part of an integrated whole and indivisible. All pages of the health certificate need to be numbered "Page ___ of ___" and must include the certificate number.</p> <p>(b) The certificate shall be drawn up in at least one of the official languages of the Member State of the border inspection post of introduction of the consignment into the Union and of the Member State of destination. However, those Member States may authorise the certificate to be drawn up in the official language of another Member State, and accompanied, if necessary, by an official translation. It is up to the exporter to obtain the certificate in the official language of the EU country. Some countries may accept an English-only certificate.</p> <p>(c) If for reasons of identification of the items of the consignment (schedule in point I.28), additional sheets of paper or supporting documents are attached to the certificate, those sheets of paper or document shall also be considered as forming part of the original of the certificate by the application of the signature and stamp of the official veterinarian, on each of the pages. This guidance refers to the additional pages when the shipment exceeds 5 animals. The extra pages would contain information pertaining to rabies vaccination, tapeworm treatment, identification, etc. These additional pages would need to have the pages numbered in the top right hand corner, and be signed and stamped (also in the top right corner) by the federal veterinarian.</p> <p>(d) When the certificate, including additional schedules referred to in (c), comprises more than one page, each page shall be numbered, (page number) of (total number of pages), at the end of the page and shall bear the certificate reference number that has been designated by the competent authority at the top of the pages. Self explanatory.</p> <p>(e) The certificate shall be valid for 10 days from the date of issue by the official veterinarian, except for a non-commercial movement into the Union of more than five dogs, cats and ferrets in which case the certificate is valid for the purpose of further movements within the Union, for a total of 4 months from the date of issue of this certificate or until the date of expiry of the anti-rabies vaccination, whichever date is earlier. The certificate is valid for initial entry into the EU for 10 days after signature by the accredited veterinarian. Once the pets arrive in the EU, the certificate is valid for up to 4 months for intra-Community movement. For pets from the US to Malta, Ireland, UK, or Finland, the tapeworm treatment reduces the validity to at most 5 days.</p> <p>(f) The competent authorities of the exporting third country or territory shall ensure that rules and principles of certification equivalent to those laid down in Directive 96/93/EC are followed. This Directive describes general principles of certification similar to 9 Code of Federal Regulations Part 161 for veterinary accreditation such as (1) veterinarians must not certify data of which they have no personal knowledge or which cannot be ascertained by them; and (2) veterinarians must not sign blank or incomplete certificates, or certificates relating to animals which they have not inspected or which have passed out of their control. Where a certificate is signed on the basis of another certificate or attestation, the certifying officer shall be in possession of that document before signing.</p> <p>Part I:</p> <p>Box I.11.: Place of origin: name and address of the dispatch establishment. Indicate approval or registration number</p> <p>Box I.28.: <i>Identification system</i> : Select of the following : microchip or tattoo <i>Date of application of the microchip or tattoo</i> : The tattoo must be clearly readable and applied before 3 July 2011 Our understanding is that all EU Member States accept tattoos; however it is the exporter's responsibility to verify the acceptance of tattoos prior to travel. <i>Identification number</i> : Indicate the microchip or tattoo number <i>Date of birth</i> : Indicate only if known</p> <p>Part II:</p> <p>(1) Any revaccination must be considered a primary vaccination if it was not carried out within the period of validity of a previous vaccination. A rabies vaccination is considered primary if either: (1) an animal was up-to-date on its rabies vaccination but vaccination occurred prior to microchip implantation, (2) vaccination was not carried out within the period of validity of a previous vaccination, or (3) the animal was vaccinated for the first time.</p> <p>(2) A certified copy of the identification and vaccination details of the animals concerned shall be attached to the certificate. The rabies certificate and microchip document are not part of the health certificate and therefore should not be numbered or endorsed by the federal veterinarian.</p>		

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<p>⁽³⁾ Keep as appropriate. Where the certificate states that certain statements shall be kept as appropriate, statements which are not relevant may be crossed out and initialled and stamped by the official veterinarian, or completely deleted from the certificate.</p>		
<p>⁽⁴⁾ The rabies antibody test referred to in point II.3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - must be carried out on a sample collected by a veterinarian authorised by the competent authority, at least 30 days after the date of vaccination and three months before the date of import; - must measure a level of neutralising antibody to rabies virus in serum equal to or greater than 0.5 IU/ml; - must be performed by a laboratory approved in accordance with Article 3 of Council Decision 2000/258/EC designating a specific institute responsible for establishing criteria necessary for standardising the serological tests to monitor the effectiveness of rabies vaccines (list of approved laboratories available at http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/approval_en.htm); Not applicable - needs not be renewed on an animal, which following that test with satisfactory results, has been revaccinated against rabies within the period of validity of a previous vaccination. 		
<p>⁽⁵⁾ A certified copy of the official report from the approved laboratory on the results of the rabies antibody tests referred to in point II.3 shall be attached to the certificate. Not applicable</p>		
<p>⁽⁶⁾ The treatment against <i>Echinococcus multilocularis</i> referred to in point II.5 must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - be administered by a veterinarian within a period of not more than 120 hours and not less than 24 hours before the time of the scheduled entry of the dogs into one of the Member States or parts thereof listed in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1152/2011; Self explanatory - consist of an approved medicinal product which contains the appropriate dose of praziquantel or pharmacologically active substances, which alone or in combination, have been proven to reduce the burden of mature and immature intestinal forms of <i>Echinococcus multilocularis</i> in the host species concerned. The tapeworm treatment must be labelled as effective against <i>Echinococcus multilocularis</i>. The tapeworm treatment is for dogs only. 		
<p>⁽⁷⁾ This date must precede the date the certificate was signed. The date of tapeworm treatment must occur the day of or BEFORE the accredited veterinarian's signature.</p>		
<p>⁽⁸⁾ This information may be entered after the date the certificate was signed for the purpose described in point (e) of the Notes and in conjunction with footnote (6). This refers to animals that have already entered the EU and are moving from one EU Member State to another EU Member State that requires echinococcus treatment. It is not relevant for pets leaving the United States.</p>		
<p>The signature and the stamp must be in a different colour to that of the printing.</p>		
<p>Official veterinarian The accredited veterinarian should sign here. APHIS should create a separate signature block and endorse below.</p>		
Name (in capital letters):		Qualification and title:
Date:		Signature:
Stamp:		

This does not apply to animals from the US.

¹ ISO codes Austria AT; Belgium BE; Bulgaria BG; Cyprus CY; Czech Republic CZ; Denmark DK; Estonia EE; Finland FI; France FR; Germany DE; Greece GR; Hungary HU; Ireland IE; Italy IT; Latvia LV; Lithuania LT; Luxembourg LU; Malta MT; Netherlands NL; Poland PL; Portugal PT; Romania RO; Slovakia SK, Slovenia SL, Spain ES; Sweden SE; and the United Kingdom/Northern Ireland GB

² Website for BIP codes: copy and paste into browser
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CONSLEG;2009D0821;20100518;EN;PDF>

ANNEX Ib

Technical requirements for the anti-rabies vaccination (Referred to in Article 5(1)(b)(i))

For the purposes of Article 5(1), an anti-rabies vaccination shall be considered valid provided that the following requirements are complied with:

1. The anti-rabies vaccine must:

(a) be a vaccine other than a live modified vaccine and fall within one of the following categories:

- (i) an inactivated vaccine of at least one antigenic unit per dose (WHO standard); or
- (ii) a recombinant vaccine expressing the immunising glycoprotein of the rabies virus in a live virus vector;

(b) if administered in a Member State, have been granted a marketing authorisation in accordance with:

- (i) Directive 2001/82/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 November 2001 on the Community code relating to veterinary medicinal products (1); or
- (ii) Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency (2);

(c) if administered in a third country, meet at least the requirements laid down in Part C of Chapter 2.1.13 of the Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals, 2008 Edition, of the World Organisation for Animal Health.

2. An anti-rabies vaccination may only be considered valid if it meets the following conditions:

(a) the vaccine was administered on a date indicated in:

- (i) Section IV of the passport; or
- (ii) the appropriate section of the accompanying animal health certificate;

(b) the date referred to in point (a) must not precede the date of microchipping indicated in:

- (i) Section III(2) of the passport; or
- (ii) the appropriate section of the accompanying animal health certificate;

(c) at least 21 days must have elapsed since the completion of the vaccination protocol required by the manufacturer for the primary vaccination in accordance with the technical specification of the marketing authorisation referred to in point 1(b) for the anti-rabies vaccine in the Member State or third country in which the vaccination is administered;

(d) the period of validity of the vaccination, as prescribed in the technical specification of the marketing authorisation for the anti-rabies vaccine in the Member State or third country where the vaccine is administered, must have been entered by the authorised veterinarian in:

- (i) Section IV of the passport; or
- (ii) the appropriate section of the accompanying animal health certificate;

(e) a revaccination (booster) must be considered a primary vaccination if it was not carried out within the period of validity referred to in point (d) of a previous vaccination.