

# TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS GOVERNMENT

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## APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO IMPORT COMMODITY

Animal products/by-products    Live Animals/ Hatching Eggs    Embryos/Ova    Fresh Semen    Frozen Semen

Type of Permit: Single Entry    Re-entry    Amendment

PREVIOUS PERMIT No.

APPLICATION DATE

It is preferable if the information is typed or written legibly in block capitals. Please return with copies of all required documents including the attached checklist before import permit is issued. A minimum of 48 hours are required for processing.

1. Name of Importer			2. Name of Exporter		
Street Address			Street Address		
City	State/Province	Country	City	State/Province	Country
Postal/Zip Code	Telephone		Postal/Zip Code	Telephone	
Telefax	Cellular		Telefax	Cellular	
Email Address			3. Country of Origin(if different than exporting country)		
Address(Turks and Caicos Islands)			Telephone and Telefax(Turks and Caicos Islands)		
4. Total Quantity	5. Temperature of Product <input type="checkbox"/> Ambient <input type="checkbox"/> Chilled <input type="checkbox"/> Frozen		9. Point of Entry	10. Date of Arrival	
6. Total Number of Packages	7. CITES Permit Number		11. Individual Identity Number	12. Container ID/Seal Number	
8. Description of Commodity(name species where applicable)			13. Name, Sex, Breed and Age(if commodity is live animal)		
14. Time of Arrival	15. Carrier/Flight Number		16. Last Entry Date( if commodity is a pet)		
Name of Applicant			Signature of Applicant		

The information you provide to AHSTCI on this form and associated documents are collected for the sole purpose of issuing an animal import permit.

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE. FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

Date of Arrival	Time of Arrival	Point of Entry	<b>Condition on Arrival</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Dead
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Approval Granted    Approval Denied    Commodity Confiscated    Commodity Quarantined    Other

\_\_\_\_\_  
 VETERINARY OFFICER, DVM

\_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE

## CHECKLIST FOR CATS AND DOGS ENTERING THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

*Tick the box as the steps for importation are completed*

### Step 1

- My pet has been microchipped or tattooed
- The microchip can be read

### Step 2

- My pet has been vaccinated in accordance with the manufacturer's data sheet
- My pet tested negative for or was vaccinated against Lyme disease
- The microchip number has been correctly entered by the vet on the vaccination record

### Step 3

- I am travelling from a Rabies endemic country
- I have a record from the vet of the date the blood sample was taken, the correct microchip number is clearly written on it. The sample was taken after vaccination
- The blood test is satisfactory (at least 0.5IU/ml)
- I have a certified laboratory copy of the blood test result, showing the correct microchip number and the date the blood sample was taken

### Step 4

- My pet was treated against internal and external parasites within 14 days of the scheduled date of travel
- My pet is spayed/neutered
- My pet's breed does not appear on the Prohibited Breeds List below
- I have an International Health Certificate issued not more than 7 days before my arrival
- The application form is completed and attached or sent along with this check list

**Please complete this form, sign and submit with the application. Please remember to date the application form.**

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  I have read the conditions for importation of dogs and cats into the TCI

## **Instructions and Explanations (Not to be returned with the application)**

**A single entry permit:** gives permission for only one shipment of the described commodity into the country.

**A re-entry permit:** authorises only one shipment for a companion animal (pet) being exported from the Turks and Caicos Islands with the intention to re-import. The permit must be issued from within the country.

**A Multiple entry permit (Animal Passport):** This permit authorises more than one shipment for dogs and cats travelling to and from the Turks and Caicos Islands in a year. There is no need to apply for an import permit with each entry. A new International Health Certificate must be obtained with each entry. Your dog or cat must be resident in the Turks and Caicos Islands at the time of application. This permit cannot be issued to dogs and cats entering the Turks and Caicos Islands for the first time. Application forms and conditions are available at the Department of Agriculture.

**Commodity:** is an animal, a product of animal origin, animal genetic material, biological and pathological products.

**Amendment:** a request to change any information on an import permit already issued to an importer and is in his/her possession. The number of that previous permit must be written in when making the application.

**Manufacturer's declaration of immunity:** is the declared time period within which the vaccine protects the animal from developing disease, for example, a rabies one year or three year vaccine which is calculated from the date given.

**International Health Certificate:** is a certificate attesting to the good health of an animal issued and certified by a Veterinarian working full-time for the Veterinary Authority of the exporting country (for example, USDA/APHIS, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, DEFRA etc.).

**(These below correspond to block numbers on the application form above)**

1. The consignee/receiver/the person to whom the commodity is being shipped.
2. The consignor/shipper/the person who ships the commodity.
3. The country where the commodity is born or produced (as opposed to the Exporting country: the country from which commodities are sent to another country).
4. Please insert the correct weight (for commodities that cannot be counted) or numbers (for commodities that can be).
5. Please tick the temperature under which the animal product is being shipped. This does not apply to live animals.
6. If commodity is packaged, please indicate the total number of these packages.
7. If the commodity is a listed CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) specimen you are asked to please state the cites certificate/permit number. Cites listed species are, for example, African Greys, other parrots, primates and other animals threatened with extinction.
8. Describe, as precisely as possible, the species name of the commodity, colour, type (live animal, veterinary biological, meat, skin) and any other pertinent details.
9. A port is a located in the Turks and Caicos Islands where the imported commodity will enter.
10. The exact date, or its closest approximation, on which the commodity will arrive in the country.
11. Where applicable, a single number identifying a live animal, for example, a microchip number, a tattoo or ear tag.
12. Any identifying number that is written on the container (a receptacle or other rigid structure for holding animals and products during a journey) or the number written on the seal securing such a container.
13. The name given to a live animal (pet) where applicable along with its age, breed, and sex
14. The exact time of arrival of the commodity into the country or the closest approximation.
15. The flight number (passenger aircraft), tail number (private aircraft), or the name in the case of a sea going vessel.
16. The exact date or its closest approximation on which the animal last entered the country.

**This document must be completed in English or an official translation into English must accompany the application.**

**Please do not submit the import conditions below with the application.**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL HEALTH SERVICES**



**IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMODITY (DOGS AND CATS)  
ENTERING THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS**

All dogs and cats entering the Turks and Caicos Islands must be accompanied at the port of entry by an import permit issued in accordance with the Animal Health and Animal Movement Ordinance. All the import requirements for an import permit **MUST** be complied with in full before your dog or cat is given permission to enter the country. Failure to do so will result in the animal being refused entry, held in holding and **deported within 48 hours at the owner's expense or be euthanised.** There are no options for quarantine in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

In order to bring your dog or cat into the Turks and Caicos Islands, the animal (s) must be accompanied by an **International Health Certificate** issued by the **Veterinary Authority** of the country of export stating: -

- A.**
- i. That the animal(s) has/have been permanently identified with a microchip transponder or tattoo. The microchip must be able to read by a microchip reader. The chip must be placed before rabies vaccination.
  - ii. The information (including dates) of vaccination of the dog(s) against Canine Parvovirus, Distemper, Hepatitis/Adenovirus, Parainfluenza, Leptospirosis and against Lyme disease in accordance with the manufacturer's data sheet or tested serologically negative for Lyme disease not more than 7 days prior to the date of shipment. Idexx SNAP® 4Dx Plus® is acceptable for Lyme disease screening.
  - iii. The dates of vaccination of the cat(s) against Feline Calicivirus, Panleukopaenia, Feline Rhinotracheitis and Feline Leukaemia according to the manufacturer's data sheet.
  - iv. That the animal(s) is/are treated against internal and external parasites within 14 days of the scheduled date of shipment. (*For ticks: a preparation known to have residual action should be used, e.g. products containing fipronil, amitraz, pyrethrins and permethrins*). *The following products are not acceptable: Shampoos, collars and products used for flea control only (e.g. Program®, Advantage®, Revolution® or Sentinel®).*

*Please note that all vaccinations given above must be done by a licenced veterinarian in the country of export and included with all other information on a **health certificate** (bearing his/her signature, licence number and stamp or seal) that attests to the animal (s) good health and freedom from contagious or infectious diseases. **The health certificate must be submitted with the application.***

*Even though there is no import requirements for heartworm disease, the Department urges all owners to place their pets on a suitable preventative before entering the Turks and Caicos Islands.*

- B.** If the animal (s) is/are being exported from a **RABIES ENDEMIC COUNTRY**, excluding the United States of America and Canada, the following applies:-
- i. The animal (s) was/were vaccinated against rabies:
    - a. not less than 6 months and not more than one year prior to shipment in the case of primary vaccination, which would have been carried out when the animal (s) was/ were at least 3 months old;

- b. not more than the manufacturer's declaration on the duration of immunity in the case of booster vaccination;
  - c. with an inactivated adjuvant virus vaccine.
- ii. The animal (s) was/were subjected not less than 3 months and not more than 24 months prior to shipment to a neutralising antibody titration test (rabies titre test), and that their serum contained at least 0.5 IU/ML. The titre must be done post vaccination.

*Please note that the rabies titre test is valid for two years only and therefore, must be repeated thereafter. No exceptions apply.*

**C.** If the animal (s) is/are being exported from the **United States of America or Canada**, the following applies:-

- i. That the animal (s) was/were vaccinated against rabies:
  - a. not less than 3 months and not more than one year prior to shipment in the case of primary vaccination, which should have been carried out when the animal (s) was/were at least 3 months;
  - b. not more than the manufacturer's declaration on the duration of immunity in the case of a booster vaccine.
- ii. That the animal (s) has/ have **at least one neutralising antibody titration test (rabies titre test) done in its lifetime** (at least 2 months after a primary vaccination and 1 month after a booster vaccination) providing that after the titre test is done:
  - a. all booster vaccines are given before the expiration date of the previous vaccination (based on the manufacturer's declaration of the duration of immunity).

*Please note that if any booster vaccination is given more than five days past the expiration date of the previous vaccination, the rabies titre test **MUST BE REPEATED**. The rabies titre test results must be least 0.5 IU/ml. **In addition a licensed veterinarian must attest to the fact that all boosters were given before expiration of any previous rabies vaccination.***

**D.** If the animal (s) is/are being exported from a **NON- RABIES ENDEMIC COUNTRY**, the following applies:-

- i. That the animal (s) was/were kept since birth or for the six months prior to shipment in one of the rabies free country listed below or were imported into the rabies free country in conformity with the requirements in section **B**.

The following countries are considered rabies free:

*Antigua, Anguilla, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Fiji, Finland, Iceland, Jamaica, Japan, Montserrat, New Zealand, Norway, Republic of Ireland, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Martin (Netherlands Antilles), St. Pierre et Miquelon, St. Vincent, Sweden, Taiwan, The United Kingdom, Uruguay, USA (Hawaii), US Virgin Island*

**NB. All animals qualifying for entry under sections B, C and D must be clinically free of rabies on the day of shipment.**

- E.** All animals (dogs and cats) must be spayed or neutered in order to be granted an import permit. Persons granted an animal breeders licence are exempted from this requirement.
- F.** Only dog breeds that do not appear on the prohibited dog breed's list will be granted an import permit.

***These breeds are prohibited from being imported:*** Akita, any breed of Bulldog, any breed of Mastiff, any Pit Bull including the American Staffordshire Terrier, The Staffordshire bull Terrier and a mixed- breed dog which has any Pit Bull lineage, Bandog, Beauceron, Canary dog or Presa Canario, Doberman, Dogo Argentino, Fila Brasileiro, Japanese Tosa, Jondo, Kuvasaz, Rhodesian Ridgeback, Roman Fighting Dog, Rottweiler, South African Boerboel, any dog which appears to have been bred for fighting, and all non-domestic canine species and hybrids of such.

**G. Being In-transit:-**

In the event that during the course of transporting the animal, it was transshipped via another country and remained there for twenty-four (24) hours and over, a veterinary certificate from the Veterinary Authority or from the Quarantine Officer must be obtained stating that the said animal (s) did not leave the quarantine area, noting the period of time in quarantine and the condition of the animal.

- H.** All relevant documents (copy of import permit, Veterinary Health Certificate, Vaccination Certificate, Laboratory Test results, etc.) must be submitted at the port of entry in order to facilitate Veterinary clearance.
- I.** The Veterinary Unit must be given at least 48 hrs. notice of confirmed arrival date, time, airline/vessel and port of entry. This is to avoid delays in the clearance of the animal(s) at the port of entry.
- J.** Each import (single and re-entry) permit attracts a **fee of \$US50.00** which is to be paid at the port of entry. Failure to pay will result in the animal being refused entry. A copy of your import permit will be emailed or faxed to you before you arrive; the original import permit is given to you at the port of entry. Each multiple-entry permit attracts a **fee of \$US200.00**

**Please be advised that these requirements are subject to change since animal disease status in various countries is dynamic. Therefore, all animal (s) granted a legitimate import permit to enter the Turks and Caicos Islands must be subjected to an inspection by an Animal Inspector. The animal (s) must be found healthy at that inspection before it/they is/are granted entry.**

**It is your responsibility to contact the Animal Health Services, Department of Agriculture to confirm that the above import conditions are current.**

After completion, the application and checklist must be returned to:

**The Department of Agriculture  
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