

# Checklist of Timeframe for the Importation of Dogs and Cats from Rabies-free Areas

## Dogs/Cats to be imported via Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport:

### Between 30 days and 1 year prior to shipment:

- Become familiar with “Regulations Concerning Import Quarantine of Dogs and Cats from Rabies-free Areas.”(連結)
- Make sure the dog/cat has received microchip implantation which is readable by the scanner.
- Check whether the **Rabies Vaccination Certificate** issued by a veterinary clinic of the exporting country is valid. (The shipping date must be between 30 days and 1 year after vaccination. The dog/cat must be at least 90 days old before being administered the primary vaccination.) The rabies vaccination certificate must specify the animal’s breed, sex, age (or date of birth), microchip number, date of rabies vaccination, the type of vaccine used was inactivated or killed type, and whether primary or booster vaccination was given.
- Submit the following documents to Hsinchu Branch, BAPHIQ to apply for an “Import Permit”: application form, a copy of the above-mentioned rabies vaccination certificate, and a copy of your passport or ID.
- Contact the airline to inquire about requirements for dog/cat transport (such as space allocation and details of transport cage).

Note: For pregnant dogs/cats, only those no more than 4 weeks pregnant are allowed to import.

### 14 days prior to shipment:

- Confirm receipt of the “Import Permit” issued by this Branch and read it thoroughly.
- Apply to the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country for the **original copy** of the “**Veterinary Certificate**”. Be sure that the certificate **bears the official stamp and signature of the quarantine officer.**
- Make sure the information stated on the Veterinary Certificate matches that of the “Import Permit”(such as animal breed, sex, age or date of birth, microchip number, date of rabies **inactivated virus** vaccination, primary or booster vaccination).
- Confirm space allocation for the dog/cat with the airline.
- Notify this Branch (via phone, fax or e-mail) of the expected time of arrival.

### Day of boarding:

- Re-examine the dog/cat’s health condition. If necessary, you may request the veterinarian prescribe sedatives to be given prior to boarding.
- Make sure that all the required documents are on hand (“Import Permit” issued by this Branch and the **original copy** of Veterinary Certificate issued by the exporting country).
- Offer a small amount of food to your dog/cat 2 hours before boarding, and do not forget to leave a toy or a piece of clothing that the dog/cat is familiar with in the cage.
- Allow the dog/cat to urinate and defecate just prior to boarding.

**Upon arrival at Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport:**

- Declare quarantine to the Animal and Plant Quarantine counter (Terminal 1: next to Carousel No. 10, Tel: 886-3-3982268; Terminal 2: next to Carousel No. 6, Tel: 886-3-3983371). If the dog/cat is transported by cargo, procedures for cargo goods will apply (quarantine offices: at Taiwan Air Cargo Terminal: 886-3-3931881 or 886-3-3833826; at Evergreen Air Cargo Services: 886-3-3938243~5; at Farglory Free Trade Zone: 886-3-3992850).
- After passing on-site inspection, the dog/cat is released.
- Dog/cat that passes quarantine is still under follow-up quarantine by the local animal health inspection authority for 3 months. Take note to avoid allowing the dog/cat to come into contact with other animals. Should the address of the dog/cat change, inform this Branch or local animal health inspection authority.

Note:

1. Passengers carrying 4 or more dogs and cats must pay quarantine fees for on-site inspection.
2. The applicant is responsible for all fees for quarantine, medical care and microchip implantation. In the event of regulation violations, the applicant is also responsible for the fees for return or destruction of the animals.
3. For dogs/cats to be imported via Kaohsiung International Airport, please apply to the Kaohsiung Airport Inspection Station of Kaohsiung Branch, BAPHIQ. (Address: 2F, Cargo Station, Kaohsiung International Airport; Tel: 07-8070445; Fax: 07-8068427; E-mail: [kh0701@mail.khbaphiq.gov.tw](mailto:kh0701@mail.khbaphiq.gov.tw))

*May you and your pet(s) have a pleasant journey!*

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