

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

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

### Between 180 days and 2 years prior to shipment:

- Become familiar with Regulations Concerning Import Quarantine of Dogs or Cats from Rabies-infected areas.
- Make sure the dog/cat has received microchip implantation which is readable by the scanner.
- Make sure a blood sample has been taken from the dog/cat and tested at an OIE rabies reference laboratory or a BAPHIQ designated laboratory for rabies neutralizing antibody titre. Blood samples should be taken at least 3 weeks after the inactivated rabies vaccination is given; the test report should specify the microchip number of the dog/cat and the titre no less than 0.5 IU/ml.

### More than 30 days prior to shipment:

- Check whether the **Rabies Vaccination Certificate** is valid. (For **Primary Vaccination**: the dog/cat must be at least 90 days old before being vaccinated, and the date of shipment must be between 180 days and 1 year after vaccination; For **Booster Vaccination**: if the dog/cat has been previously vaccinated against rabies, the valid period lasts for 1 year from the date of booster vaccination.) Make sure that the dog/cat is healthy and is suited for long distance travel.
- Submit the following documents to Hsinchu Branch, BAPHIQ to apply for the “Import Permit”: application form, a copy of rabies vaccination certificate issued by a veterinary clinic of the exporting country, the rabies neutralizing antibody test report indicating rabies neutralizing antibodies to be no less than **0.5 IU/ml**, and a copy of your passport or ID.
- Inquire the airline about requirements for dog/cat transport (such as space allocation and details of transport cage).

Note: For pregnant dogs/cats, only those less than 4 weeks pregnant are allowed to import.

### 14 days prior to shipment:

- Confirm receipt of “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 the signature of the quarantine officer.**)
- Make sure the information stated in 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**, and result of rabies neutralizing antibody test).
- 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.
- Arrange a vehicle beforehand for transporting the dog/cat to the quarantine premises.

**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 all required documents are on hand ("Import Permit" issued by this Branch and **original copy** of the 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: 886-3-393188 or 886-3-3833826; at Evergreen Air Cargo Services: 886-3-3938243~5; at Farglory Free Trade Zone: 886-3-3992850)
- After on-site inspection, the dog/cat is escorted by a quarantine officer of this Branch (**to begin at 9am and arrival should be before 5pm**) to the designated quarantine premises at the National Taiwan University Veterinary Hospital (if you live in areas north of and including Hsinchu) or the Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital of National Chung Hsing University, for at least 21 days quarantine. After which, if the dog/cat is proved to be healthy, it will be 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. Importing dogs or cats from Thailand and Malaysia should also be compliant with "Enhanced quarantine requirements for dogs and cats exported from Thailand or Malaysia into Taiwan"
2. Passengers need to pay NT\$500 in the airport for the on-site inspection. If they are carrying 4 or more dogs or cats with them, they must pay additional quarantine fees.
3. The applicant is responsible for all the fees for quarantine, medical care and microchip implantation and needs to pay NT\$10,000 on arrival at the quarantine premises. In case of regulation violation, the applicant is also responsible for the fees for return or destruction of the animals.
4. 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: 886-7-8070445; Fax: 886-7-8068427; 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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