



Ministry of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Traffic and Telecommunication

INSPECTORATE TEATT

CONDITIONS TO IMPORT DOGS, CATS AND FERRETS INTO SINT MAARTEN

1. The animal must be at least fifteen (15) weeks old.
2. The animal must be marked with an International Standard Organization (ISO) microchip **OR** a readable tattoo applied before 2011.
3. The animal must be fully immunized against the Rabies virus through vaccination administered by or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian. The immunization period must be valid for one (1) OR three (3) years at the time of entry into Sint Maarten.
 - a. An animal that has received a Rabies vaccination for the first-time or is revaccinated after the expiration date of the previous vaccination **MUST** undergo a twenty-one (21) day isolation period to guarantee full immunization.
 - b. The Rabies immunization information must be mentioned on the health certificate **OR** on a separate Rabies certificate.
4. The animal has full immunization against the following viruses according to its species through vaccination administered by or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian:
 - a. **Canine (Dogs):** Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Bordetella, Parvovirus
 - b. **Feline (Cats):** Leukemia, Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, Panleukopenia, Pneumonitis
5. The animal has been administered parasitic treatment(s) by or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian (e.g., NexGuard, Bravecto, Frontline, etc.) to treat and further prevent internal and external parasites (*particularly the Amblyomma sp. And Boophilus sp.*). The treatment(s) must be valid at the time of entry into Sint Maarten.
 - a. The product information, treatment date, and validity period of the treatment must be mentioned on the health certificate.
6. The animal is free from communicable, contagious, or infectious cutaneous diseases.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SINT MAARTEN ANIMAL MOVEMENT PERMIT

1. **The veterinary health certificate** MUST BE ENDORSED by the Official Veterinarian *or* national government agency responsible for live animal export.
 - a. **Endorsement Exemption:**
 - i. Animals re-entering Sint Maarten and accompanied by a veterinary health certificate with an **issuance date no older than 14 days from the date of arrival**; issued by a licensed veterinarian operating in Sint Maarten.
 - ii. Animals re-entering Sint Maarten accompanied by a veterinary health certificate with an **issuance date between 6 months to 15 days before arrival date**; issued by a licensed veterinarian operating in Sint Maarten. A veterinary health certificate from the departure country is still required; it must state the animal meets conditions 5, 6 and is fit for travel.
 - iii. Animals **in transit for less than 24 hours** and accompanied by a travel itinerary showing onward journey and entry permission from the destination country.
2. **The Rabies certificate OR proof of rabies vaccination** must state the following information:
 - Product Information:
 - o Name; Manufacturer; Lot Number; Expiration date of Product.
 - Immunization Information of previous and current vaccination Status:
 - o Expiration date of previous vaccination, Date of current vaccination; Start date of current Immunization, immunization period of current vaccination (1 or 3 years).
3. The **travel itinerary** that outlines the animal's full journey into or through Sint Maarten.
4. The **Government – issued passport** of the pet owner (*the person mentioned on the health certificate as owner*), natural person or company representative authorized to facilitate the movement of the animal. Personal identification documents must be in color.
5. If applicable, a **pet authorization statement** is required for animal movement facilitated by either a natural person or legal entity on behalf of the pet owner. A digital color copy of the pet owner's passport must be submitted in conjunction with this statement.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS (WHERE APPLICABLE)

1. All documents must be in the language of English or Dutch or accompanied by an official translation in either language.
2. A request for the Sint Maarten animal import permit must be submitted via this [link](#).
3. Each document must be in PDF format and under 5 megabytes (MB).
4. All applications must be submitted no earlier than 14 calendar days and no later than 5 calendar days before the animal's arrival in Sint Maarten to ensure sufficient time for the review process of the application. Inspectorate TEATT – LVV cannot guarantee that an application submitted outside of this timeframe will be reviewed and responded to in time for the expected travel date.
5. For animals which require an exemption from a condition(s) (e.g., allergy, age), an official letter from the examining veterinarian scientifically justifying the impact the condition will have on the animal's health must be submitted to LVV@sintmaartengov.org.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Pet owners can request, from Inspectorate TEATT-LVV via LVV@sintmaartengov.org, a document template of a veterinary health certificate, proof of rabies vaccination, and pet authorization form, if in the country of departure, no such document is available.
2. **EMOTIONAL SUPPORT AND SERVICE ANIMALS ARE NOT EXEMPTED FROM THE IMPORT CONDITIONS FOR DOGS, CATS, AND FERRETS FOR SINT MAARTEN.**
3. Animals **originating** from a South or Central American country (except Suriname) **are prohibited** from entry into Sint Maarten except for animals re-entering the jurisdiction of Sint Maarten with an owner who is a resident.
4. Any questions or concerns pertaining to the entry requirements of animals can be submitted via email at LVV@sintmaartengov.org. Operational hours for division LVV are between 9 AM and 3PM from Monday to Friday, except on local holidays ([Click here to see Sint Maarten's Public Holiday Schedule](#)).

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Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Dogs, Cats, and Ferrets from the United States of America to St. Maarten



Veterinary Authority
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Date Of Issue

Certificate Number

1. Consignor:	2. Consignee:
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3. Country Of Origin: United States of America	4. State Of Origin:
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5. Country Of Destination: St. Maarten	6. Zone of Destination: *****
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7. Place Of Origin: ***** ***** *****	8. Port of Embarkation / Border Crossing: ***** ***** *****
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9. Estimated Date Of Shipment:	10. Means Of Transport:
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11. ***** *****	12. CITES Permit Number: ***** *****
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13. Description Of Commodity: DOG(S) <input type="checkbox"/> CAT(S) <input type="checkbox"/> FERRET(S) <input type="checkbox"/>	14. Port Of Embarkation: ***** *****
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15. Total Quantity:	16. Total Number Of Packages/Containers: ***** *****
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17. Additional Information:

18. Identification / Seal Numbers:

19. Commodities Intended Use: Pet (Personal)	20. Type Of Admission: ***** *****
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21. Identification Of Commodities:

ISO-Compliant Microchip Number	Species	Breed*	Age	Sex	Color and Distinctive Markings



Veterinary Authority
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Date Of Issue

Certificate Number

Certification Statements:

1. I have verified the presence of the microchip(s) listed in box 21.
2. The animal(s) has/have been found to be clinically healthy and free from observable cutaneous diseases.
3. The animal(s) are fully immunized against the Rabies virus through vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian. The immunization period must be valid at the time of entry into Sint Maarten (one (1) AND three (3) year vaccinations are accepted). NOTE: An animal that has received a Rabies vaccination for the first-time or is revaccinated after the expiration date of the previous vaccination MUST undergo a twenty-one (21) day isolation period to guarantee full immunization prior to entry.

Microchip Number	Date of Rabies Vaccination	Name of Vaccine	Period of Validity	
			From	To

4. The dog (s) has/have adequate levels of immunity conferred by being actively immunized against the following diseases: Distemper, Hepatitis (Adenovirus), Leptospirosis, Bordatella and Parvovirus.

Microchip Number	Date of Most Recent Vaccine Administration				
	Leptospirosis	Canine Distemper Virus	Canine Hepatitis (Adenovirus)	Bordatella	Canine Parvovirus

5. The cat(s) has/have adequate levels of immunity conferred by being actively immunized against the following diseases: Feline Leukemia (FeLV), Feline Rhinotracheitis, Feline Calcivirus, Feline Panleukopenia and Feline Pneumonitis.

Microchip Number	Date of Most Recent Vaccine Administration	
	Feline Leukemia (FeLV)	Feline Rhinotracheitis, Calcivirus, Panleukopenia, and Pnumonitis



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Certificate Number

Certification Statements (continued):

6. Parasites:

- a. The animal(s) is /are free from external parasites, particularly *Amblyomma* sp. and *Boophilus* sp.
- b. The animal (s) were administered a parasitic treatment for internal and external parasites which will be valid on the date of arrival in Sint Maarten.

Microchip Number	*****	1)Name of Internal Parasite Treatment Product, 2) Active Ingredient, 3) date of administration, 4) date next dose is needed to maintain protection, according to manufacturer	1)Name of external Parasite Treatment Product, 2) Active Ingredient, 3) date of administration, 4) date next dose is needed to maintain protection, according to manufacturer

Name of USDA-Accredited Veterinarian	Name of USDA Veterinarian
Signature of Accredited Veterinarian	Signature of USDA Veterinarian
Date	Date