

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE
THE ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT (CHAP.7)

**VETERINARY CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF
DOGS/CATS FOR COUNTRIES UNDER CATEGORY C (3/4)**

I COUNTRY/ PLACE OF EXPORT

Austria, Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Spain and USA (except Guam and Hawaii)

II PURPOSE

Any purpose.

III IMPORT LICENCE

Each animal shall be accompanied by a valid import licence issued by the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) of Singapore.

IV VETERINARY CERTIFICATION

The animal shall be accompanied by:

(a) a veterinary certificate (in accordance with the attached template) bearing a date not more than seven (7) days prior to export, signed by a *government approved veterinarian* of the country of export *and endorsed by an official government veterinarian of the country of export*, describing the age, breed, sex, colour, markings or other points of identification of dog/cat and certifying to the effect that:

- (i) the dog/cat had been continuously resident in the country of export, or any country listed in Part I of Category A, B and C of the Veterinary Conditions for the Importation of Dogs/Cats, for at least six (6) months prior to export, or since birth.
- (ii) the dog/cat was examined by the government approved veterinarian and found to be healthy, free from any clinical sign of infectious or contagious disease and fit for travel at the time of export.
- (iii) the dog/cat has been examined by the government approved veterinarian at the time of export and found to be implanted with a microchip that bears the identification code as that indicated in the veterinary health certificate and the vaccination certificate.
- (iv) The dog/cat complies with requirements for rabies control under the following categories:

EITHER

Category C1

(1) The dog/cat must have valid vaccination against rabies using an inactivated vaccine or recombinant vaccine acceptable to AVA at least four (4) months prior to export. This refers to a valid primary vaccination and/or up to date booster(s) according to the vaccine manufacturers' recommendations. The dog/cat must have a blood sample taken and tested for acceptable rabies antibody levels at least one (1) month after the above vaccination and within six (6) months prior to export.

(2) Following the date of sampling for serology, the dog/cat must be vaccinated again. This additional vaccination must not be less than one (1) month prior to export.

OR

Category C2

The dog/cat must have valid vaccination against rabies using an inactivated vaccine or recombinant vaccine acceptable to AVA at least three (3) months prior to export. This refers to a valid primary vaccination and/or up to date booster(s) according to the vaccine manufacturers' recommendations. The dog/cat must have a blood sample taken and tested for acceptable rabies antibody levels at least one (1) month after the above vaccination and within six (6) months prior to export.

- (v) in the case of a dog, the dog was vaccinated according to the vaccine manufacturer's recommendations and not less than two (2) weeks prior to export against Canine Distemper, Canine Hepatitis and Canine Parvoviral infection.
- (vi) in the case of a cat, the cat was vaccinated according to the vaccine manufacturer's recommendations and not less than two (2) weeks prior to export against Cat Flu (Feline calicivirus and Feline viral rhinotracheitis) and Cat enteritis (ie Feline Panleukopaenia/ Feline parvovirus).
- (vii) the dog/cat has been treated with a product effective against external parasites (fleas and ticks) between 2 and 7 days of export (*state active ingredient and date of treatment*), and with a product effective against internal parasites (nematodes and cestodes) between 2 and 7 days of export (*state active ingredient and date of treatment*).

(b) the dog/cat's original vaccination certificate, which also bears the identification code of the microchip that has been implanted. The vaccination certificate also bears the details (name of veterinarian, name and address of veterinary practice) and endorsement of government-approved veterinarian who vaccinated the dog/cat and verified the microchip identification code.

V DECLARATION FROM MASTER/CAPTAIN OF SHIP/AIRCRAFT

Not required.

VI QUARANTINE

Upon arrival the animal shall be quarantined at the Sembawang Animal Quarantine Station. The quarantine period is dependent on the option chosen by the owner or agent to meet the requirements for rabies control:

Category C1: The animal shall be quarantined for a period not less than 10 days.

Category C2: The animal shall be quarantined for a period not less than 30 days.

The owner or his agent is responsible for ensuring that quarantine space is available at the Sembawang Animal Quarantine Station.

VII APPLICATION FOR IMPORT LICENCE

The owner or his agent must apply for the import licence by submitting an online application through AVA's website (www.ava.gov.sg>e-Services>Animals&Pet Sector>Licence to Import/Export/Transship of Animals/Birds/Eggs/Biologics) 30 days prior to the arrival of animals. The Application and Acceptance for Quarantine of Dogs and Cats at Sembawang Animal Quarantine Station (SAQS) must be attached to the online application form.

VIII NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVAL

The owner or his agent shall contact the Quarantine Office as stated in the Import Licence at least five (5) working days before the arrival of the animal.

IX VETERINARY INSPECTION

On arrival at the port of disembarkation in Singapore, the dog/cat and documents (Import Licence, Veterinary Health Certificate) shall be presented to and examined by an authorised Veterinary Officer. If the animal is found to be healthy and documents are in order, the animal shall be taken to the Sembawang Animal Quarantine Station by a Quarantine officer.

X PENALTY

(i) If the animal does not meet the residency requirements upon arrival, the animal shall be quarantined at the Sembawang Animal Quarantine Station to make up for shortfall in duration mandated by the residency requirement.

(ii) If the animal does not meet the pre-export vaccination requirement, the animal shall be vaccinated upon arrival and be subjected to serology tests for acceptable rabies antibody levels one (1) month after vaccination. The animal shall be quarantined at the Sembawang Animal Quarantine Station for 120 days after vaccination.

(iii) If the animal does not meet the requirement of pre-export serology tests for acceptable rabies antibody levels, the animal would be subjected to serology tests upon arrival and shall be quarantined at the Sembawang Animal Quarantine Station. The quarantine period is dependent on the option chosen by the owner or agent to meet the rabies control requirements:

Category C1: The animal shall be quarantined for a period not less than 10 days.

Category C2: The animal shall be quarantined for a period not less than 30 days.

and when the serology results are obtained, whichever is later.

The animal may be returned to the country of export if the serology test result does not meet AVA's requirement.

(iv) If any animal is not healthy or if any document is not in order or quarantine space is unavailable, the animal shall be returned to the country of export, **detained for up to two weeks** for observation prior to quarantine or destroyed at the discretion of the Director-General of Agri-Food and Veterinary Services.

XI FEES

- (i) Import Licence }
- (ii) Accommodation fee at Changi Animal & Plant Quarantine Unit } see Fee Schedule:
- (iii) Transport charges to Sembawang Animal Quarantine Station } Attachment-1
- (iv) Quarantine fee at Sembawang Animal Quarantine Station }
- (v) Rabies Vaccination }

XII OTHER REQUIREMENTS/INFORMATION

(i) Owners should take into account the age and condition of their animals as well as travel and climatic stress when deciding to export their dogs/cats to Singapore.

BREED RESTRICTIONS

(ii) The following breeds of dogs and their crosses are not allowed to be imported into Singapore - Pit Bull (which includes the American Pit Bull Terrier also known as the American Pit Bull and Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, the American Bulldog, and crosses between them and with other breeds) Neapolitan Mastiff, Tosa, Akita, Dogo Argentino, Boerboel, Fila Brasileiro, Perro de Presa Canario and their crosses.

(iii) Bengal cat crosses imported into Singapore require documentary proof that they are at least a 5th generation cross from the ancestral stock of *Prionailurus bengalensis*. 4th generation crosses and below cannot be imported to Singapore as pets as they are not considered domesticated cats.

- (iv) Savannah cat crosses imported into Singapore require documentary proof that they are at least a 5th generation cross from the ancestral stock of *Leptailurus serval*. 4th generation crosses and below cannot be imported to Singapore as pets as they are not considered domesticated cats.
- (v) Cats are not allowed to be kept in Housing Development Board (HDB) residential units.

MICROCHIP

- (vi) The microchip that is implanted into the dog must meet with ISO (International Standards Organisation) Standard 11784 or Annex A to ISO Standard 11785. If the dog is implanted with a microchip which does not comply with these stated ISO Standards, the owner of the dog or his authorised agent must provide a reader which is able to read the identification code of the implanted microchip at the point of entry into Singapore.

TRANSPORTATION

- (vii) Owners must ensure that the animal has been transported in escape-proof containers conforming to the latest International Air Transport Association's (IATA) Live Animal Regulations (if transport is by air).
- (viii) Owners should ensure to the best of their ability that the animal is not pregnant at the time of export. Should the animal whelp in quarantine, the owner must ensure that adequate quarantine facilities and veterinary care are available for the well-being of the newborn animals. The owner must bear any additional costs as a result of such an event.

OTHER LICENCES

- (ix) Owners of any dog above 3 months of age must apply for a licence to keep the dog in Singapore. See Fee Schedule: Attachment-1.
- (x) Owners should be aware of the conditions of licence for dogs available through AVA's website (www.ava.gov.sg>Services>Animals&Pet Sector>Dog Licence), which is not limited to but includes the following requirements:
 - A maximum of 3 dogs may be kept in private premises.
 - Only one (1) dog of an approved breed is allowed in a HDB residential unit.
 - The following breeds of dogs must comply with additional conditions listed below - Bull Terrier, Doberman Pinscher, Rottweiler, German Shepherd Dog with its related breeds such as the Belgian Shepherd Dog and the East European Shepherd Dog, Mastiffs including the Bull Mastiff, Cane Corso and Dogue De Bordeaux, and crosses between any of the above breeds and other breeds:
 - a. Only one (1) dog from the above breeds is permitted to be kept in a premise.
 - b. The dog must be leashed and securely muzzled when in a public place.
 - c. Owners must take up an insurance policy for at least \$100,000 and a banker's guarantee for \$2,000.
- (xi) A licence must be obtained from AVA to use any place for exhibition, sale or export of any animal or bird.

OTHERS

- (xii) Any expenditure incurred in the process of importation shall be borne by the owner or agent. Any loss occasioned during the removal, handling or treatment of an imported dog/cat under the directions of AVA or occurring during the period of detention in quarantine, shall be borne by the owner or agent.
- (xiii) Regulations and fees are subject to change without notice notwithstanding the issuance of a licence by AVA.

ISSUED BY:

DIRECTOR, REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION DEPT
AGRI-FOOD AND VETERINARY AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE
5 MAXWELL ROAD #03-00
TOWER BLOCK, MND COMPLEX
REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE 069110
FAX: [65] 62206068

APPLICATION/ENQUIRIES:

DIRECTOR, QUARANTINE & INSPECTION DEPT
5 MAXWELL ROAD #02-03
TOWER BLOCK, MND COMPLEX
SINGAPORE 069110
TELEPHONE: [65] 62270670
FAX: [65] 62276305
E-mail: AVA_Import&Export_Animals@ava.gov.sg

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VETERINARY CERTIFICATE FOR THE IMPORT OF DOGS AND CATS INTO SINGAPORE

For Category C countries: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, United States of America (except Guam and Hawaii)

AVA Import Licence No.: _____ Veterinary Certificate No. (if applicable): _____

N.B. A valid AVA Import Licence to import the dog/cat must be obtained before shipment.

SECTION I IDENTIFICATION OF THE DOG/CAT

Species: _____

Breed: _____

Name of animal: _____

Sex (please circle): Male Neutered Male Female Neutered female

Age or Date of Birth: _____ (animal must be at least 12 weeks of age at the time of export)

Colour: _____

[N.B. The following breeds and their crosses are prohibited for import: Pit Bull (including the American Pit Bull Terrier also known as the American Pit Bull and Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, the American Bulldog, and crosses between them and other breeds), Neopolitan Mastiff, Tosa, Akita, Dogo Argentino, Boerboel, Fila Brasileiro, Perro de Presa Canario and their crosses; Bengal and Savannah cat crosses of 4th generation and below.]

Microchip Number: _____

The animal has been scanned on _____(day/month/year) prior to export and found to be implanted with a microchip bearing the above microchip number, which is also reflected on the animal's vaccination certificate.

SECTION II ORIGIN OF THE DOG/CAT (indicate the option that applies)

After due enquiry I am satisfied that the dog/cat (delete as appropriate) identified in this certificate has been continuously resident in the country of export:-

(a) since birth, or

continuously resident in the country of export or in other countries listed in Category A, Category B or Category C:-

(b) since being imported directly from Singapore on _____ (day/month/year), or

(c) for a minimum period of 6 months prior to export, and is not under quarantine restriction at the time of export.

SECTION III SANITARY INFORMATION

I, _____ (Name in BLOCK LETTERS), the undersigned veterinarian, being a Government approved veterinarian / Official government veterinarian (delete as appropriate) of _____ (the country of export), certify in respect of the dog/cat (delete as appropriate) described above that:

General Vaccinations (strike out whichever does not apply)

The dog was vaccinated against Canine Distemper, Canine Infectious Hepatitis, Canine Parvovirus, according to the vaccine manufacturer's recommendations and at least 14 days prior to export.



Date of vaccinations:

Canine distemper: _____ (day/month/year)

Canine infectious hepatitis: _____ (day/month/year)

Canine parvovirus: _____ (day/month/year)

The cat was vaccinated against Feline Calicivirus, Feline Rhinotracheitis Virus and Feline Panleukopenia Virus according to the vaccine manufacturer's recommendations and at least 14 days prior to export.

Date of vaccinations:

Feline Calicivirus: _____ (day/month/year)

Feline Rhinotracheitis Virus: _____ (day/month/year)

Feline Panleukopenia Virus: _____ (day/month/year)

Rabies Vaccinations and Serological Testing

PLEASE INDICATE THE OPTION THAT APPLIES (STRIKE OUT OPTIONS THAT DO NOT APPLY).

Option 1: Category C1

The dog/cat was vaccinated against rabies using an inactivated vaccine or recombinant vaccine acceptable to AVA on at least two occasions, with the first vaccination at least 4 months prior to export, and the second vaccination at least 1 month after the first vaccination and at least 1 month prior to export. The first vaccination must be valid at the time of administering the second vaccination.

Date of vaccinations:

Rabies (1st vaccination): _____ (day/month/year)

Rabies (2nd vaccination): _____ (day/month/year)

At least 1 month (30 days) following the date of the first vaccination and within 6 months prior to export, a blood sample was taken from the dog/cat and tested with an OIE-prescribed test¹ showing a rabies neutralising antibody titre equal to or greater than 0.5 IU/ml. A valid test report must accompany this certification.

Date of blood sampling: _____ (day/month/year)

Rabies neutralising antibody titre: _____ IU/ml

Dog/cat imported under this protocol and fulfilling the above would be subjected to quarantine for a period of not less than 10 days upon import.

Option 2: Category C2

The dog/cat was vaccinated against rabies using an inactivated vaccine or recombinant vaccine acceptable to AVA at least 3 months prior to export. The vaccination must be a valid primary vaccination or a valid booster vaccination according to the vaccine manufacturer's recommendations.

Date of rabies vaccination: _____ (day/month/year).

¹ Currently, OIE-prescribed tests for international trade for rabies include the Fluorescent Antibody Virus Neutralising (FAVN) Test, the Rapid Fluorescent Focus Inhibition Test (RFFIT), and the Enzyme-linked Immunoassay (ELISA).



At least 1 month (30 days) following the date of this vaccination and within 6 months prior to export, a blood sample was taken from the dog/cat and tested with [an OIE-prescribed test¹](#) showing a rabies neutralising antibody titre equal to or greater than 0.5 IU/ml. A valid test report must accompany this certification.

Date of blood sampling: _____ (day/month/year)

Rabies neutralising antibody titre: _____ IU/ml

Dog/cat imported under this protocol and fulfilling the above would be subjected to quarantine for a period of not less than 30 days upon import.

External Parasite Treatment

The dog/cat was treated with a product effective against external parasites (fleas and ticks) between 2 and 7 days of export.

Date of treatment: _____ (day/month/year)

Name of product: _____

Active ingredient: _____

Internal Parasite Treatment

The dog/cat was treated with a product effective against internal parasites (nematodes and cestodes) between 2 and 7 days of export.

Date of treatment: _____ (day/month/year)

Name of product: _____

Active ingredient: _____

Pregnancy (for females)

After due enquiry I am satisfied that the animal is not pregnant at the time of export.

Prohibited breeds

After due enquiry I am satisfied that the animal is not one of the prohibited breeds or crosses as listed in Section I.

Clinical examination

Within 7 days of export I have examined the dog/cat and found it to be healthy, free from any clinical sign of infectious or contagious disease and fit for travel at the time of export.

Endorsement

Sections I to III may be endorsed by a government-approved veterinarian or an official government veterinarian.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ (day/month/year)

Name of government-approved veterinarian or an official government veterinarian (delete as appropriate):

Address, telephone, fax, email of practice:

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SECTION IV (must be endorsed by official government veterinarian)

I, _____ (Name in BLOCK LETTERS), the undersigned veterinarian, being an Official government veterinarian of _____(the country of export), certify in respect of the dog/cat (delete as appropriate) described above that:

After due enquiry and examination of documents, the dog/cat had not been imported into the country (other than from countries listed in Category A, Category B or Category C, or directly from Singapore) during the six (6) months preceding the date of certification below.

I have no reason to doubt the truthfulness of the information given in Sections I to III and am satisfied to the best of my ability that the dog/cat certified above meets with the requirements for importation into Singapore.

CERTIFICATION VALIDITY: This certification is valid for seven (7) days.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(day/month/year)

Name of official government veterinarian:

Address, telephone, fax, email contact:

Official Stamp:



Clearing your pets upon their arrival in Singapore

❖ **Confirmation of import**

The owner/agent must notify Changi Animal and Plant Quarantine (CAPQ) of the confirmed flight details, owner’s details and import licence number at least five (5) working days before arrival. Should your pet arrive after CAPQ’s opening hours, it will remain at the airline cargo agent’s animal holding room until CAPQ re-opens.

If your pet is imported as manifested cargo

- Upon arrival at the Changi Airfreight Centre, you are to present a copy of the AVA import licence along with your identity card or passport to the Police Pass Office located at the entrance of the cargo complex to exchange for a Visitor Pass.
- After you have obtained the Visitor Pass, you must proceed to the airlines cargo office (SATS/DNATA), depending on the airlines that carried your pet(s) to Singapore.
- At SATS / DNATA, you are to produce the import licence and collect **all** documents that came along with your pet(s). These include the animals’ original health certificate, original vaccination records, original serology test result, air way bills and Captain’s declaration, where applicable.
- You will be directed to the SATS / DNATA cargo section to claim your pet(s).
- Once you have collected your pet(s), you **must** bring your pet(s) to CAPQ, AVA for inspection and clearance immediately. Please note that you are not to break the seal, if any, or to take your pet(s) out of the cages/crates.

Directions to CAPQ from SIAS / DNATA

- Upon leaving the SATS/DNATA building, drive along the Airport Cargo Road until you reach a junction with a “U-turn” sign. Make a “U-turn” and continue along the road. After the bend, there will be a bus stop stand on the left, slow down, and turn left into Gate C7 (green fencing and AVA logo).

If your pet is imported as accompanied/excess baggage

- You are **not** allowed to take your pet(s) out of the Customs/Immigration at the arrival hall of the Passenger Terminal.
- After you have disembarked from the aircraft, collect your pet(s) from the baggage belt and then proceed to the “Lost & Found” counter located at the arrival hall (before Customs/Immigration Clearance). Surrender your pet(s) to the officer at the Lost & Found counter.
- Your pet will be transferred to CAPQ, AVA by the ground handling agent for inspection and clearance. You must then proceed directly to CAPQ, AVA located at the Changi Airfreight Centre with your pets’ original health certificate, original vaccination records, original serology test result and original import licence.

❖ **Veterinary Inspection/Verification of Documents**

- At CAPQ, AVA, the AVA officer will check and verify the information on the AVA import licence, your pets’ health certificate, vaccination records, serology test result and Captain’s declaration, if applicable. The officer will scan your pet to tally the microchip number and visually inspect your pet(s).
- For pet(s) that require quarantine upon arrival in Singapore, the pet(s) will be detained at CAPQ after inspection and an AVA-appointed transport service will be arranged to send your pet(s) to the Sembawang Animal Quarantine Station.

❖ **Before leaving the Changi Airfreight Centre**

- After leaving CAPQ, AVA, you are to drive through the “Red Lane” and declare the value of your pet(s) and present the AVA import licence at the Singapore Customs GST Counter. Please note that the AVA import licence presented to Singapore Customs must bear the AVA “Inspected and Passed” or “Provisional Release” stamp.
- Afterwhich, please proceed to the Airport Police Post to claim their identity card or passport.

<p>CAPQ’s Operation hours: Mondays to Saturdays: 8.00am – 10.30pm Lunch: 1-2pm Sundays and Public Holidays: Closed</p>	<p>CAPQ’s Address: Gate C7, Airport Cargo Road Changi Airfreight Centre Changi Animal & Plant Quarantine Singapore 918104 Tel: 6545 7522/23, Fax: 6545 3023 Email: AVA_Import&Export_Animals@ava.gov.sg Website: www.ava.gov.sg</p>
<p>Getting to CAPQ: By Bus: 9, 19 and 89 (Alight at the 3rd bus stop after Police Pass Office, along Airline Road) By MRT: Bedok (transfer to bus 9), Tampines (transfer to bus 19) From Airport Passenger Terminal: Drive or take a taxi to Changi Airfreight Centre (Travel on ECP and exit 2A towards Changi Airfreight Centre) NOTE: CAPQ is not located within the airport premises.</p>	

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FEE SCHEDULE FOR VETERINARY CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF DOGS/CATS FOR COUNTRIES UNDER CATEGORIES A, B, C & D

- (1) IMPORT LICENCE**
- a) commercial purposes - \$87.00 per consignment
 - b) personal effects - \$50.00 per consignment
- (2) ACCOMMODATION AT** - \$26.25 per dog or cat (with feed) for one day or part thereof
Changi Animal and Plant Quarantine Unit (CAPQ)

Contact of Sembawang Animal Quarantine Station
10, Lorong Chencharu, Singapore 769197
TEL: (65) 6482 2724 FAX: (65) 6482 2726

- (3) TRANSPORT CHARGE** - \$74.00 per animal per trip
(from Changi Animal & Plant Quarantine Unit to Sembawang Animal Quarantine Station)
- (4) QUARANTINE FEES** - \$16.80 per animal per day or part thereof
(at Sembawang Animal Quarantine Station)
(non-air conditioned, with feed);
 \$26.25 per animal per day or part thereof
(air conditioned, with feed)
- (5) RABIES VACCINATION** - \$65.00 per animal

A dog licence is obtainable at the Centre for Animal Welfare & Control, 75 Pasir Panjang Road, Singapore 118507, Tel: (+65) 6471-9987

- (6) LICENCE FEE FOR DOGS OTHER THAN IN DOG FARMS**
- (a) For a dog below 5 months of age - \$14.00 per annum
 - (b) For a sterilized dog - \$14.00 per annum
 - (c) For a non-sterilized dog - \$70.00 per annum
 - (d) For a fourth or subsequent dog \$175.00 per annum

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