

**Decree N551**

**of the Government of Georgia**

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**The city of Tbilisi**

**ON APPROVAL OF THE REGULATION OF NON-COMMERCIAL MOVEMENT  
OF PET ANIMALS ON THE CUSTOMS BORDER OF GEORGIA**

**Article 1**

Pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article 75 of the Food/Animal Feed Safety, Veterinary and Plant Protection Code, be approved the Regulation of Non-Commercial Movement of Pet Animals on the Customs Border of Georgia

**Article 2**

The Decree shall enter into force on January 1, 2023.

Prime Minister Mamuka Bakhtadze

**REGULATION OF NON-COMMERCIAL MOVEMENT OF PET ANIMALS ON  
THE CUSTOMS BORDER OF GEORGIA**

**Article 1. Purpose and Scope**

1. The Regulation of Non-Commercial Movement of Pet Animals on the Customs Border of Georgia (hereinafter the Regulation) lays down:
  - a) The animal health requirements applicable to the non-commercial movement of pet animals on the customs border of Georgian and the rules of checking compliance during such movement;
  - b) The requirements applicable to the identification of pet animals of the species with transponder as defined in Annex N1 "Species of Pet Animals" of this Regulation.
2. This Regulation applies to non-commercial movement of pet animals from other countries on the customs border of Georgia.

3. The non-commercial movement of a pet animal that meets the requirements of the animal health as defined in this Regulation shall not be banned, restricted or prevented on the reason of animal health, except for the requirements set forth in this Regulation.
4. The authorities envisaged by this Regulation shall be exercised by the Legal Entity of Public Law - National Food Agency (hereinafter - the Agency) under the Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia and the Legal Entity of Public Law - Revenue Service (hereinafter – the Service) under the Ministry of Finance of Georgia within the competence.

## **Article 2. Definitions of Terms**

1. The terms used for the purpose of this Regulation have the following meanings:
  - a) **Non-commercial movement** means movement not aimed at the sale of a pet animal or transfer to another owner;
  - b) **Pet animals** means animals of the species listed in Annex N1, which is accompanying its owner or an authorized person responsible for such animals on behalf of the owner during their non-commercial movement;
  - c) **Owner** means an individual person indicated as such in the identification document;
  - d) **Authorized person** means an individual having a written permission from the owner to carry the non-commercial movement of a pet animal in the name of the owner;
  - e) **Transponder** means a readable passive radio frequency identification device;
  - f) **Identification document** means a document drawn up in accordance with the procedure prescribed by this Regulation, which gives the possibility of a clear identification of the pet animal and the possibility of checking its health in compliance with this Regulation;
  - g) **Authorized veterinarian** means a veterinarian who is authorized to perform specific tasks in accordance with this Regulation on behalf of a competent authority;

- h) **Official veterinarian** means a veterinarian appointed by a competent authority, and in case of Article 19 of this Regulation - a veterinarian appointed by the Agency;
  - i) **Documentary check** means checking the identification document accompanying the pet animal;
  - j) **Identity check** means determination of compliance between a pet animal and identification documents and in the appropriate case, existence and compliance checking of the transponder;
  - k) **Corridor intended for passengers** means the zone defined by the Service for checking under Article 18 of this Regulation.
2. The terms used in the Food/Animal Feed Safety, Veterinary and Plant Protection Code are also used for the purposes of this Regulation unless otherwise specified by this Regulation.

### **Article 3. Maximum Number of Pet Animals**

1. The maximum number of pet animals of species defined by Part A of Annex N1 of this Regulation during a non-commercial movement which may accompany the owner or authorized person shall not exceed five.
2. Without prejudice to paragraph 1 of this Article, the maximum number of pet animals of a species defined by Part A of Annex 1 of this Regulation may exceed five if:
  - a) non-commercial movement of pet animals is carried out for the purpose of participation in competitions, exhibitions or sports events or trainings related to such activities;
  - b) the owner or authorized person submits a written document that the pet animal is registered to attend the event defined by subparagraph "a" of this paragraph or in the association organizing such event;
  - c) age of pet animals is more than six months.
3. The Service is authorized to carry out selective examination of the place to verify the validity of information presented in subparagraph "b" of paragraph 2 of this Article.
4. If the maximum number of pet animals exceeds the number specified in the first paragraph of this Article and the terms defined by paragraph 2 of this Article are not fulfilled, the pet animals must meet the requirements of the

animal health specified by the Georgian legislation for specific species and the Service must ensure that these animals are subjected to veterinary inspection determined by the Georgian legislation.

#### **Article 4. Provisions Applicable to Non-Commercial Movement of Pet Animals of Species Defined by Part A of Annex N1 of This Regulation**

1. The pet animals of the species defined by Part A of Annex N1 to this Regulation may be moved to the country from another country or from its territory if they meet the following provisions:
  - a) must be tagged in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 10 of this Regulation;
  - b) vaccinated against rabies, in accordance with the validity requirements defined by Article 23 of this Regulation;
  - c) underwent the rabies antibody titration test that satisfy the validity requirements defined by Article 24 of this Regulation;
  - d) treated against endozoic agents with a wide range of anthelmintic remedies;
  - e) is accompanied by a properly filled and issued identification document in accordance with Article 13 of this Regulation.
2. Pet animals of the species defined by Part A of Annex N1 to this Regulation may be moved to the country from a country or from its territory not defined by paragraph 1 of Article 7 of this Regulation only by passing the corridor for passengers defined by paragraph 3 of Article 18 of this Regulation.
3. Without prejudice to paragraph 2 of this Article, the Service shall have the right to allow the movement of registered combat or tracker dogs through the customs checkpoint in addition to the corridor intended for passengers, provided that:
  - a) the owner or the authorized person applies to the Service for preliminary consent, and the consent is granted by the Service;
  - b) the dogs have undergone the compliance checking in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 18 of this Regulation in place determined by the Service for this purpose and in accordance with the agreements provided in the consent referred to in subparagraph "a" of this paragraph.

## **Article 5. Exceptions Relating to the Vaccination against Rabies for Young Pet Animals of the Species Defined by Part A of Annex N1 of This Regulation**

1. The Service may, in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article, without prejudice to subparagraph "b" of paragraph 1 of Article 4 of this Regulation, allow the non-commercial movement of those pet animals of the species defined in Part A of Annex N1 of this Regulation from another country or from its territory in accordance with paragraphs 1 or 2 of Article 7 of this Regulation, which meet one requirement:
  - a) which age is less than 12 weeks and they have not been vaccinated against rabies;
  - b) which age is between 12 to 16 weeks and they have been vaccinated against rabies, although they still do not meet the validity requirements defined by subparagraph "e" of paragraph 2 of Article 23 of this Regulation.
2. The permit defined in the first paragraph of this Article may only be made if one of the following requirements are taken into consideration:
  - a) the owner or authorized person submits a signed declaration in accordance with the Declaration template of Annex N2 of this Regulation confirming that from the birth to the moment of non-commercial movement the pet animals has not had contact with wild animals likely to have been exposed to the rabies;
  - b) pet animals accompanied by their mothers on whom they are still dependent and from the mother's accompanying identification document it can be determined that the mother was vaccinated against rabies, which satisfies the validity requirements specified in Article 23 of this Regulation.

## **Article 6. Exceptions Relating to the Antibody Titration Test for Pet Animals of the Species Defined by Part A of Annex N1 of This Regulation**

Without prejudice to subparagraph "c" of Article 4 of this Regulation, the antibody titration test shall not be required for pet animals of the species defined in Part A of Annex N1 of this Regulation that are moved to the country

from the other country or its territory which are listed in the first or second paragraph of Article 7 of this Regulation:

- a) directly;
- b) from a place of residence, from one or more other countries or territory specified only by the list;
- c) after transit in the territory or other country which is not listed in paragraph 1 or paragraph 2 of Article 7 of this Regulation, provided that the owner or authorized person submits the signed declaration in accordance with the Declaration of Annex N3 of this Regulation confirming that the animals have not had contact with wild animals likely to have been exposed to the rabies and have been protected in the vehicle or in the airport area.

#### **Article 7. Creating the List of other Countries and Their Territories**

1. The Agency shall draw up the list of the countries and their territories, which have submitted an application for entering such list, where they shall indicate that in respect of pet animals of the species defined by Part A of Annex N1 of this Regulation, they apply the rules, the contents and effect of which are analogous to the rules set forth in Articles 4 and 6 and Articles 18-22 of this Regulation.
2. The Agency shall draw up the list of the countries and their territories which have submitted an application for entering the list, where they indicate that in respect of pet animals of the species defined by Part A of Annex N1, the countries and territories thereof satisfy at least the following criteria:
  - a) the notification of the cases of rabies to the competent authorities is obligatory;
  - b) an efficient monitoring system has been in place for at least two years prior to submitting the application, the minimum requirement of which is the existence of the effective program of early detection to ensure the study of rabies suspicious animals and reporting on them;
  - c) the structure and organization of veterinary and control services and the powers and supervision of such services as well as the facilities available in their disposal, including personnel and laboratory potential, are sufficient for:

- a. the effective use and enforcement of the national legislation on non-commercial movement of pet animals;
  - b. the guarantee of the validity of identification documents submitted in the format specified in Article 12 of this Regulation and issued under Article 13 of this Regulation;
  - d) the rules on rabies prevention and control are effective and are effectively enforced in order to minimize the risk of infection of pet animals, including rules for import of pet animals from other countries or territories, as well as, if necessary, the rules:
    - a. on the control of the homeless/stray dog and cat population;
    - b. on vaccination against the rabies of pet animals, namely, when rabies is observed in vampire bats;
    - c. on control and elimination of the rabies in wild animals;
  - e) the effective rules on registration and marketing of vaccines against rabies.
3. The Agency may when drawing up the lists take into consideration the lists set out by Article 2 of the European Commission Regulation No. 577/2013 and put them in the lists drawn up in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article.
4. Only on the basis of properly justified urgent necessity in connection with the human and animal health risks or in accordance with the amendments made in the list determined by Article 2 of EC N°77 / 2013 Regulation, the Agency should ensure the amendment of the list of other countries or territories determined by paragraphs 1 and paragraph 2 of this Article.

### **Article 8. Provisions Applied to Non-Commercial Movement of Pet Animals of Species Defined by Part B of Annex N1 of This Regulation**

1. Non-commercial movement of pet animals to the country from another country or its territory in respect of pet animals of one of the species defined by part B of Annex N1 of this Regulation shall be subject to the provisions set forth in paragraph 2 of this Article.

2. Pet animals defined in paragraph 1 of this Article may be moved to the country from another country or from its territory if they meet the following conditions:
  - a) are identified or described in accordance with the provisions paragraph 3 of Article 10 of this Regulation;
  - b) are consistent with the health protection preventive measures against the diseases or infections, other than rabies, implemented by the Agency or in accordance with the Georgian legislation;
  - c) is accompanied by a duly filled and issued identification document in accordance with Article 15 of this Regulation;
  - d) enter through the corridor intended for passengers when they arrive from another country or from its territory which are not specified in the list drawn up in accordance with Article 9 of this Regulation.
3. The health protection preventive measures implemented by the Agency in accordance with subparagraph "b" of paragraph 2 of this Article on non-commercial movement to the country from another country or its territory of the pet animal of species defined by Part A of Annex N 1:
  - a) Are applied proportionally to human or animal health risks associated with the non-commercial movement of pet animals of these species;
  - b) Are not stricter the requirements set forth for the import of pet animals of these species by the Georgian legislation.

### **Article 9. Drawing Up the List of Other Countries and Their Territories**

The Agency may draw up the list of the other countries and their territories which have submitted the application for entering this list in which they indicate that in connection with pet animals of the species referred to in Section B of Annex N1 of this Regulation they apply the rules, the contents and effect are analogous of the rules defined by Article 8 and Article 18 - 22 of this Regulation and in the appropriate cases implement the measures specified in the above-mentioned rules.

### **Article 10. Tagging Pet Animals**



1. Pet animals of the species of species defined by Part A of Annex N 1 of this Regulation shall be tagged by transponder implantation or a clearly readable tattoo used until January 1, 2020.
2. If the transponder defined by paragraph 1 of this Article does not satisfy the technical requirements set forth in Article 22 of this Regulation, the owner or the authorized person shall ensure the devices required for inspection of the tags defined under Article 13 of this Regulation and for reading the transponder during identification defined under paragraph 1 of Article 17 of this Regulation.
3. The pet animals of the species defined by Part B of Annex N1 of this Regulation shall be identified and described in consideration of the peculiarities of each species, in such a way as to ensure the connection between the pet animal and its corresponding identification document.

#### **Article 11. Qualifications Required for Implantation of Transponder in Pet Animals**

Local self-government bodies may allow implantation of transponder by a person who is not a veterinarian, provided that it should define the rules on the minimum qualifications of such person on the basis of an individual administrative-legal act.

#### **Article 12. Form and Contents of Identification Document Defined in Subparagraph "e" of Paragraph 1 of Article 4 of This Regulation**

1. An identification document set forth in subparagraph "e" of paragraph 1 of Article 4 of this Regulation shall be submitted together with an animal health certificate stipulated in accordance with Annex N4 "Health Certificate" of this Regulation and shall contain the boxes for the following information:
  - a) the place of transponder or tattoo and the date of use of transponder or tattoo, as well as alphanumeric code of transponder or tattoo;
  - b) species, breed, date of birth of a pet animal, indicated by owner and sex and color;
  - c) the certificate number;

- d) the name and contact information of the owner or authorized person;
  - e) the name and surname, contact information and signature of the official or authorized veterinarian who issues or fills the identification document;
  - f) details of anti-rabies vaccination;
  - g) date of taking blood sample for rabies antibody titration test;
  - h) compliance of health protection preventive measures for other diseases except rabies;
  - i) the name and signature of the representative of the competent authority to carry out the certification;
  - j) the name and signature of the representative of the competent authority to carry out the certification;
  - k) the name, signature and contact information of the representative of the competent authority to carry out the inspection under Article 19 of this Regulation and the date of the examination;
  - l) other relevant information about the health of the pet animal.
2. An appropriate declaration signed by a holder or an authorized person as provided by Annex N5 of this Regulation confirming that the movement of the pet animal is for a non-commercial purpose and shall be the a part of the identification document specified in subparagraph "e" of paragraph 1 of Article of this Regulation.
3. An identification document referred to in subparagraph "e" of paragraph 1 of Article 4 of this Regulation from the EU Member States and from other countries or their territory to the country may be presented in kind of the passport and shall meet the requirements set out in paragraph 1 of this Article.

**Article 13. Issuance and Completion of Identification Documents Defined in Subparagraph "e" of Paragraph 1 of Article 4 of This Regulation**

The identification document defined in subparagraph "e" of paragraph 1 of Article 4 of this Regulation shall be issued by the official veterinarian of the dispatching country or territory based on the certifying documentation or by the authorized veterinarian and further certified by the competent authority of the dispatching country or territory since the issuing veterinarian:

- a) examines that the pet animal is tagged in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 10 of this Regulation;
- b) properly fills in the relevant boxes in the identification document with the information defined in subparagraphs "a" – "h" of paragraph 1 of Article 12 of this Regulation, verifies thereof the compliance with the conditions defined by subparagraph "a" of paragraph 1 of Article 4 of this Regulation and, if necessary, by subparagraphs "b" and "c" of paragraph 1 of the Article.

**Article 14. Format and Content of Identification Documents Defined in Subparagraph "c" of Article 8 of this Regulation**

1. The template of the identification document as provided for in subparagraph "c" of paragraph 2 of Article 8 of this Regulation shall contain the boxes for the following information:
  - a) Description or typical characteristics of a pet animal defined by paragraph 3 of Article 10 of this Regulation;
  - b) Species, breed, date of birth of a pet animal, indicated by owner, gender and color;
  - c) Name and contact information of the owner or authorized person;
  - d) Name, contact information and signature of the official or authorized veterinarian;
  - e) The certificate number;
  - f) Details of health protection preventive measures for the diseases other than rabies;
  - g) Name and signature of a representative of the verifying competent authority;
  - h) Name, signature and contact information of a representative of the competent authority, carrying out the checks and the date of the checks as set out in Article 18 of this Regulation;
  - i) Other relevant information about the health of a pet animal.
2. A written declaration signed by an owner or an authorized person confirming that the movement of the pet animal is a non-commercial movement should

be part of the identification document defined by subparagraph "c" of paragraph 2 of Article 8 of this Regulation.

#### **Article 15. Issuance and Content of Identification Document Defined in Subparagraph "c" of Article 8 of this Regulation**

The identification document defined in subparagraph "c" of paragraph 2 of Article 8 of this Regulation shall be issued by the official veterinarian of the dispatching country or territory based on the certifying documentation or by the authorized veterinarian and further certified by the competent authority of the dispatching country or territory since the issuing veterinarian:

- a) examines that the pet animal is tagged in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 10 of this Regulation;
- b) properly fills in the relevant boxes in the identification document with the information defined in subparagraphs "a" – "f" of paragraph 1 of Article 14 of this Regulation and verifies thereof the compliance with the conditions defined by subparagraphs "a" and "b" of paragraph 2 of Article 8 of this Regulation.

#### **Article 16. Exceptions Relating to the Requirements Set Forth in Articles 4 and 8 of This Regulation**

Without prejudice to the requirements set forth in Articles 4 and 8 of this Regulation, the Service may, in exceptional cases, permit the non-commercial movement of pet animals to the territory of the country which not meet the requirements set forth in the aforementioned Articles provided that:

- a) The owner applies for the preliminary consent to the Service and the Service grants such consent;
- b) The pet animal is isolated under the supervision of the Service during the period necessary for the fulfillment of the conditions below and not more than six months:
  - a. in the place assigned by the Service;
  - b. in accordance with the agreements defined in the consent.

**Article 17. Documentary and Identity Check During Non-Commercial Movement of Pet Animals from Other Countries or Their Territories Defined in Paragraph 1 of Article 7 of This Regulation**

1. The Service shall carry out the non-discriminatory documentary and identity checks of pet animals that are subject to non-commercial movement from another country or its territory specified in paragraph 1 of Article 7 and in particular case, Article 9 of this Regulation.
2. In accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 7 and in particular case, Article 9 of this Regulation, during the non-commercial movement to the country from another country or its territory, the owner or authorized person shall be obliged upon the request of the service responsible for the documentary and identity checks provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article:
  - a) provide the requested identification document for the pet animal in accordance with this Regulation confirming compliance with the requirements related to such movement;
  - b) provide access to pet animals for those checks.

**Article 18. Documents and Identity Checks during Non-Commercial Movement to the Country from Other Country or Its Territory Not Defined by Paragraph 1 of Article 7 or Article 9 of this Regulation**

1. In order to determine the compliance with Articles 4 to 9 of this Regulation, the Service shall carry out documentary and identity checks of the pet animals in the corridor intended for passengers, which are subject to non-commercial movement to the country from the country or from its territory not specified in the List drawn up in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 7 of this Regulation, or in particular case, in accordance with Article 9 of this Regulation.
2. When entering the country, from the country or from its territory, which is not specified in the list drawn up in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 7 of this Regulation, or in the particular case, in accordance with Article 9, the owner or authorized person shall contact the service controlling the corridor

intended for passengers for the checks specified in paragraph 1 of this Article and shall:

- a) provide the requested identification document for the pet animal in accordance with this Regulation confirming compliance with the requirements related to such movement;
  - b) provide access to a pet animal for the inspection.
3. The Service shall draw up and, if necessary, update the list of corridors for passengers.
4. The Service should ensure that specialists performing the checks set out in paragraph 1 of this Article:
- a) have been fully informed of the requirements set forth in Articles 4 to 9 of this Regulation and passed the necessary training to implement the requirements set out in this Regulation;
  - b) keep the records of the total number of checks and the inconsistencies identified during the examinations.

#### **Article 19. Actions In the Case of Nonconformities Identified During the Checks Provided by Articles 17 and 18 of This Regulation**

1. In the case during the checks provided under Articles 17 and 18 of this Regulation it is detected, the pet animal does not satisfy the conditions set forth in Articles 4 to 9 of this Regulation, the Service, after consultation with the official veterinarian, and, if necessary, with the owner or authorized person, shall make a decision on:
  - a) return of the pet animal to its country or the territory;
  - b) isolating the pet animal under the control for the period required to satisfy the conditions set out in Articles 4 to 9 of this Regulation;
  - c) or when the return is impossible or isolation is impractical, destruction of the pet animal, in accordance with the requirements established by the legislation relating to pet animal protection during destruction.
2. If the Service refuses the non-commercial movement to the country for a pet animal, the pet animal must be isolated under their control, waiting for the decision to be taken and providing one of the following:
  - a) its return to their country or territory from which it is sent;

- b) making any other administrative decision on the pet animals mentioned above.
3. The measures set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall be applied at the expense of the owner and without the possibility of any financial compensation for the owner or authorized person.

## **Article 20. Protective Measures**

If a rabies or other disease or infection is reported or spreads in another country or its territory and may cause a serious threat to the human or animal health, the Agency has the right to take one of the following measures below immediately and in view of the severity of the situation:

- a) to suspend non-commercial movement or transit of pet animals from another country or its territory;
- b) to define special conditions for non-commercial movement of pet animals from another country or its territory.

## **Article 21. Obligation to Provide Information**

1. The Agency and the Service shall, within its competence, provide the public with a clear and easy-to-understand information on the applicable requirements for the animal health in non-commercial movement and the rules of compliance with the rules of the movement as defined by this Regulation .
2. The information provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article shall include the following list:
  - a) Qualification required for persons carrying out implantation of the transponder defined in Article 11 of this Regulation ;
  - b) Exceptions set forth in Article 5 of this Regulation on the conditions of anti-rabies vaccination to young pet animals of species specified in Part A of the Annex N1 of this Regulation ;
  - c) Conditions applicable to non-commercial movement of pet animals to the country and do not comply with Article 4 or 8 of this Regulation;

- d) List of corridors intended for passengers, in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 18 of this Regulation , including with indication of the person (service) performing the check set forth in paragraph 4 of Article 18 of this Regulation ;
  - e) Conditions applicable to non-commercial movement to the territory of the country of the young pet animals of the species defined by Part B of Annex N1 of this Regulation that are specified in paragraph 3 of Article 8 of this Regulation.
3. The Service and Agency shall, within the scope of the competence, ensure that the information provided by paragraph 1 of this Article is posted on the official website of the relevant agency.

## **Article 22. Technical Requirements for the Transponder**

Transponders:

- a) must meet the ISO standard 11784 and the HDX or FDX-B technology must be uses;
- b) they should be readable by a reader that is compatible with ISO standard 11785.

## **Article 23. Validity Requirements regarding the Anti-rabies Vaccination**

1. The anti-rabies vaccine:
- a) Shall not be a live modified vaccine and shall meet one of the requirements:
    - a. inactivated vaccine of at least one antigenic unit per dose (recommended by the World Health Organization) on each dose;
    - b. recombinant vaccine, which expresses the rabies virus immunization glycoprotein in the live virus vector;
  - b) If applicable, it shall be registered in accordance with the equivalent requirements of the Georgian legislation;
  - c) If applicable, it shall be recognized or licensed by the competent authority and meet at least the requirements set out in the relevant chapter on the



rabies in the Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).

2. Anti-rabies vaccination should meet the following conditions:
  - a) vaccination is conducted by an authorized veterinarian;
  - b) on the vaccination day a pet animal was of at least 12 weeks;
  - c) the date of vaccination is indicated by an authorized veterinarian or official veterinarian in the relevant part of the identification document;
  - d) the date of conducting vaccination specified in subparagraph "c" of this paragraph does not precede the date of transponder implantation or tattooing, or the date of tattooing or transponder reading indicated in the relevant part of the identification document;
  - e) the vaccination is valid from the moment when the protective immunity is formed, which for the primary vaccination should not less than 21<sup>st</sup> day after the end of the vaccination protocol be required by the manufacturer and lasts until the end of protective immunity, in accordance with the technical specifications of the registration defined in subparagraph "b" of paragraph 1 of this Article or in the acknowledgment or license defined in subparagraph "c" of paragraph 1 of this Article in connection with the anti-rabies vaccination in the country, other country or its territory where the vaccine is used. The validity period of vaccination shall be indicated in the relevant part of the identification document by an authorized veterinarian or official veterinarian;
  - f) revaccination should be considered the first vaccination if the revaccination was not made within the validity period of previous vaccination specified in subparagraph "e" of this paragraph.

#### **Article 24. Validity Requirements in Relation to the Rabies Antibody Titration Test**

1. A blood sample required for conducting the rabies antibody titration test should be taken and documented by the authorized veterinary in the relevant part of identification document.
2. The rabies antibody titration:
  - a) test should be conducted on the blood sample in at least 30 days from the date of vaccination and:

- a. at least three months prior to:
  - i. the date of non-commercial movement the other country or its which is not specified in the list set forth in paragraph 1 or paragraph w of Article 7 of this Regulation ;
  - ii. the date of their transit from other country or from its territory where the conditions set out in paragraph "c" of Article 6 of this Regulation are not fulfilled;
- b. or until the pet animal leaves the country or other country which is not defined in the list drawn up in accordance with paragraph 1 or 2 of Article 7 of this Regulation, for movement or transit; the identification document shall prove that the rabies antibody titration test was conducted with favorable results before the date of movement;
- b) The test shall determine the antibody neutralizing level on rabies virus in the serum which shall be equal or exceed 0.5 IU/ml and the method described in the relevant chapter on the rabies in the Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) shall be used;
- c) The test must be conducted in the accredited laboratory;
- d) The test need not be repeated after the satisfactory result defined in subparagraph "b" of this paragraph provided that the revaccination of a pet animal was conducted during the validity period specified in subparagraph "e" of paragraph 2 of Article 23 of this Regulation.

## **Article 25. Responsibility**

Violation of the requirements set out in this Regulation shall result in liability as prescribed by the legislation of Georgia.