

## Attachment 6: Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Dogs and Cats

(In case of any discrepancy between the English text and the Chinese text of these Requirements, the Chinese text shall govern)

Amendment by Council of Agriculture on March 29, 2022 and entered into force on April 29, 2022

Amendment by Ministry of Agriculture on February 29, 2024

### Chapter 1: General Provisions

#### 1. Terms used in the quarantine requirements are defined as follows:

##### 1.1 The inactivated vaccine:

##### 1.1.1 A vaccine made from killed viruses (or bacteria);

##### 1.1.2 A vaccine made from biotechnology-derived subunit antigens, killed viruses, killed bacteria, recombinant protein or un-replicable gene vectors.

##### 1.2 Passing the (rabies) test: A dog/cat whose rabies neutralizing antibody titer level is at least 0.5 IU/ml in a blood sample tested by an World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) rabies reference laboratory (hereinafter reference laboratory ) or a laboratory designated by the import/export animal quarantine authority of the importing country (hereinafter designated laboratory).

##### 1.3 Disaster: Refers to disaster defined in the Disaster Prevention and Protection Act (DPPA).

##### 1.4 The disaster prevention and protection agency: a competent authority at various levels or the competent authority for related tasks at the central government as defined in the DPPA.

##### 1.5 A service dog: A dog trained for assisting persons with physical challenge or for special tasks defined in Articles 1.6 to 1.9.

##### 1.6 An assistance dog: A dog/puppy certified under the Regulations Governing Assistance Dogs for Visual, Hearing or Physical Disabilities; or guide dogs, hearing dogs or physical assistance dogs certified by a training agency accredited by the International Guide Dog Federation (IGDF) or the Assistance Dogs International (ADI).

##### 1.7 A medical service dog: A dog with a medical service certificate issued by a training agency accredited by the ADI.

##### 1.8 A duty dog: A dog on active official duty or in training as defined in the Regulations Governing the Care of Duty Dogs in Public Agencies.

##### 1.9 A search/rescue dog: A dog recognized by a disaster prevention and protection agency as capable of assisting in search and rescue tasks in a disaster area, including those in training.

- 1.10 A generic dog and cat: A dog/cat other than a service dog.
2. Determination of rabies status of a country (zone) shall be in line with the List of Infectious Animal Diseases-free and infected Countries (Zones) by the central competent authority of the importing country at the time the dog/cat is loaded onto a vehicle for leaving the country (zone).
3. For importation of a dog/cat in compliance with any of the following requirements, the provisions in Chapter 2 shall apply. Otherwise, the provisions for importation dogs/cats from a country (zone) not recognized as being free from rabies shall apply:
  - 3.1 Under 180 days of age and has been kept in a rabies-free country (zone) continuously since birth;
  - 3.2 Over 180 days of age and has been kept in a rabies-free country (zone) continuously for at least 180 days prior to entering into the importing country; or
  - 3.3 The dog/cat has been kept continuously in a rabies-free country (zone) during the period of exiting and prior to re-entry into the importing country.

#### Chapter 2: Importation of Dogs/Cats from a Rabies-free Country (Zone)

4. For the importation of a dog/cat from a rabies-free country (zone), the following requirements shall be complied:
  - 4.1 Implanted with a microchip; and
  - 4.2 Vaccinated with one of the following vaccine against rabies within 30 days to one year prior to importation, and the dog/cat shall be over 90 days of age at vaccination.
    - 4.2.1 The inactivated vaccine.
    - 4.2.2 The vaccine with a veterinary drug license issued by the competent authority of the importing country in accordance with the Veterinary Drugs Control Act.
5.
  - 5.1 To import a dog/cat from a rabies-free country (zone), the applicant shall submit an application for the import quarantine permit to the import/export animal quarantine authority stationed at the port of entry at least 20 days prior to entering or before exiting the importing country for subsequent re-entry along with photocopies of the following documents:
    - 5.1.1 Identification document of the applicant. An applicant registered in the importing country shall provide the photocopy of the national

identification card.

5.1.2 A vaccination certificate signed by a veterinarian using vaccine against rabies in compliance with Article 4.2.

5.1.3 The export quarantine document of the importing country for a dog/cat exporting to a rabies-free country (zone) but scheduled for re-entry within 180 days.

5.2 The certificate stipulated in Article 5.1.2 shall attest in Chinese or English the animal's species, sex, age, microchip number, vaccination date, name of the vaccine and manufacturer (or state "the vaccine is inactivated"), and other information in compliance with Article 4.2.

5.3 If there is a need to change the entry date or the port of entry after acquiring the import quarantine permit pursuant to Article 5.1, the applicant shall submit an application for the change to the import/export animal quarantine authority stationed at the port of entry before the permit expires. This submission shall occur at least 10 days prior to the new entry date. A photocopy of the original import permit and a vaccination certificate in compliance with Article 5.1.2 shall be included. Application for such a change can only be requested once.

6. Dogs/cats imported from a rabies-free country (zone) shall be accompanied by an original veterinary certificate issued by the veterinarians of the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country. The certificate shall state the following information in English or Chinese:

6.1 Type and origin of the animal:

6.1.1 Species (dog or cat shall be noted);

6.1.2 Total quantity;

6.1.3 Sex, age and microchip number;

6.1.4 The exporting country; and

6.1.5 Name of the exporter.

6.2 Result of the quarantine:

6.2.1 That the animal shows no clinical signs of rabies upon inspection;

6.2.2 Date of vaccination against rabies, name of the vaccine and manufacturer (or state "the vaccine is inactivated"), and other information required in compliance with Article 4.2;

6.2.3 That the animal has been kept for 180 days prior to export or since birth in the rabies-free country (zone). However, for the animal that re-enters the importing country within 180 days subsequent to exiting to a rabies-free country (zone), the statement "the dog/cat has never

been to a third country after entering this country” is required.

6.3 Date of issuance, name and official stamp of the issuing authority, and name and signature of the issuing officer.

7. Upon a dog/cat’s arrival at a port of the importing country from a rabies-free country (zone), the importer shall submit the following documents to the import/export animal quarantine authority stationed at the port of entry for quarantine inspection:

7.1 Photocopy of the import quarantine permit;

7.2 The original export veterinary certificate, and

7.3 Photocopy of the bill of lading, airway bill or customs declaration.

8. In response to applications submitted pursuant to Article 7, the import/export animal quarantine authority will issue the import veterinary certificate only after confirming that requirements in Articles 4 and 6 are complied, and the dog/cat shows no suspicious signs of notifiable animal infectious diseases.

9.

09.1 A dog/cat from a rabies-free country (zone) will be returned to sender, euthanized and destroyed, or sent to a post-entry quarantine facility if it falls in any of the following circumstances:

9.1.1 Without a microchip implant.

9.1.2 Without the original export veterinary certificate.

9.1.3 No microchip number on the export veterinary certificate provided, or the number is inconsistent with the actual one on the dog/cat.

9.1.4 The export veterinary certificate is provided but without the animal’s species, sex, and age or the information is inconsistent with that of the actual animal; or without a statement saying that the dog/cat shows no clinical signs of rabies upon inspection.

9.1.5 The export veterinary certificate fails to comply with Article 6.2.2.

9.1.6 The export veterinary certificate fails to comply with Article 6.2.3.

9.1.7 The dog/cat has been transferred from one transportation vehicle to another in a country (zone) not recognized as being free from rabies on its way from the exporting country to the importing country.

9.2 The import veterinary certificate will be issued for a dog/cat described in Article 9.1 only after the dog/cat shows no suspicious signs of notifiable animal infectious diseases, and complies with the following requirements after post-entry quarantine:

9.2.1 For the circumstances in Articles 9.1.1 to 9.1.3 and Article 9.1.6, the dog/cat shall complete vaccination with vaccine against rabies over

90 days of age, sample the blood for rabies test over 30 days after vaccination, and be detained in quarantine for 97 days after the date of blood sampling that passes the rabies test. For those not passing the test, abovementioned procedure of vaccination and test may be repeated or the animal shall be detained in quarantine for 180 days. For the circumstance in Article 9.1.1, the dog/cat shall get a microchip implant immediately after entering the post-entry quarantine facility. For the circumstances in Articles 9.1.2 or 9.1.3, the post-entry quarantine period shall be shortened to 30 days, and additional disease mitigation measures like vaccination and blood testing are not required during post-entry quarantine if the dog/cat meets two conditions: (1) the dog/cat had been exported from importing country and re-entered within one year possessing the export quarantine document of importing country, and (2) the dog/cat has an original test report confirming the dog/cat has passed the test with the blood sampled before leaving the importing country and within one year prior to re-entering importing country.

9.2.2 For the circumstance in Article 9.1.4, the dog/cat shall be detained in quarantine for 7 days.

9.2.3 For the circumstance in Article 9.1.5, the dog/cat shall complete vaccination with vaccine against rabies pursuant to Article 4.2, and be detained in quarantine for 30 days after the vaccination.

9.2.4 For the circumstance in Article 9.1.7, the animal shall be detained in quarantine for 7 days. However, quarantine may be waived for a dog/cat that complies with one of the following requirements:

9.2.4.1 The transportation cage is sealed well by the exporting country's animal quarantine authority, and the seal number is stated on the export veterinary certificate; or

9.2.4.2 A document issued by the animal quarantine authority or customs authority of the transshipping country (zone), or by the airline or shipping company attesting that the dog/cat did not leave the airport or harbor, and had no contact with other animals susceptible to rabies.

9.3 For the circumstances in Articles 9.1.4 to 9.1.7, disease mitigation measures (vaccination and blood testing) that have already been completed pursuant to these requirements do not need to be repeated during post-entry quarantine, according to the statements in one of the following documents:

- 9.3.1 The export veterinary certificate; or
- 9.3.2 The export quarantine document issued by importing country for the dog/cat re-entering within one year.

### Chapter 3: Importation of Generic Dogs/Cats from a Country (Zone) Not Recognized as Being Free from Rabies

10. For the importation of a generic dog/cat from a country (zone) not recognized as being free from rabies, the following requirements shall be complied:

10.1 Implanted with a microchip.

10.2 Vaccinated with one of the following vaccines against rabies within 30 days to one year prior to importation, and the dog/cat shall be over 90 days of age at vaccination.

10.2.1 The inactivated vaccine.

10.2.2 The vaccine with a veterinary drug license issued by the competent authority of the importing country in accordance with the Veterinary Drugs Control Act.

10.3 Passing the rabies test with the blood sampled during any of the following periods:

10.3.1 Within 90 days to one year prior to importation;

10.3.2 Within 90 days to one year subsequent to the previous blood sampling that passed the rabies test, and within one year prior to importation; or

10.3.3. Before exiting the importing country and within one year prior to re-entering the importing country.

11.

11.1 To import a generic dog/cat from a country (zone) not recognized as being free from rabies, the applicant shall submit an application for the import quarantine permit to the import/export animal quarantine authority stationed at the port of entry and make reservation for a space at post-entry quarantine facility or arrange relevant procedure at least 20 days (30 days for circumstances in Article 11.1.5 and 60 days for circumstances in Article 11.1.6) prior to entering or before exiting the importing country for subsequent re-entry along with photocopies of the following documents:

11.1.1 Identification document of the applicant. An applicant registered in the importing country shall provide the photocopy of the national identification card.

- 11.1.2 A vaccination certificate signed by a veterinarian using vaccine against rabies in compliance with Article 10.2.
- 11.1.3 A report issued by a reference or designated laboratory attesting that the dog/cat has passed the rabies test. In circumstances described in Article 10.3.2, the previous test report must be attached.
- 11.1.4 The export quarantine document of the importing country for a dog/cat complying with Article 10.3.3, and re-entry within one year after the date of the blood sampling.
- 11.1.5 Medical chart for applying for an alternative designated post-entry quarantine place pursuant to the first Paragraph of Article 34-1 of the Statute for Prevention and Control of Infectious Animal Diseases for a generic dog/cat with a non-infectious serious medical condition (hereinafter dog/cat with serious medical condition) which makes its staying in a regular quarantine facility inappropriate.
- 11.1.6 A separate Project-Oriented Quarantine Plan for projected-oriented post-entry quarantine for short-term importation of generic dogs/cats to participate in or to accompany the importer to participate in international events that take place in the importing country or to attend activities on invitation by government agencies.
- 11.2 In response to applications submitted pursuant to Article 11.1, the import/export animal quarantine authority shall issue an import quarantine permit and make a reservation for a space at post-entry quarantine facility or arrange for other quarantine measures only after confirming that requirements of Article 11 are complied with. However, the prescribed post-entry quarantine may be waived for a dog/cat that complies with either Article 11.2.1, 11.2.2 or 11.2.3:
  - 11.2.1 Complying with Article 10.3.3 and re-entering importing country within one year from the date of the blood sampling; or
  - 11.2.2 Having passed the test with the blood sampled within 180 days to one year prior to importation, and one of the following requirements is being complied with:
    - 11.2.2.1 The applicant submitting the application for the import quarantine permit to the import/export animal quarantine authority stationed at the port of entry at least 120 days prior to entering; or
    - 11.2.2.2 The applicant providing the test report as stipulated in Article 11.1.3 and one of the following requirements is being complied with:
      - 11.2.2.2.1 The animal quarantine authority of the exporting country

sending a photocopy of a declaration of the test result directly to the import/export animal quarantine authority stationed at the port of entry; or

11.2.2.2.2 A reference or designated laboratory sending a photocopy of the report directly to the import/export animal quarantine authority stationed at the port of entry;

11.2.3 Complying with Article 11.2.2.1 or 11.2.2.2, the rabiestest is conducted and passed within 180 days prior to importation. Additionally, the date of this blood sampling shall fall within 180 days to one year after the date of the previous blood sampling.

11.3 The certificate stipulated in Article 11.1.2 shall attest in Chinese or English the animal's species, sex, age, microchip number, vaccination date, name of the vaccine and manufacturer (or state "the vaccine is inactivated"), and other information in compliance with Article 10.2.

11.4 The applicant for importation of dogs/cats described in Article 11.1.6 shall be the organizer of the event/activity or the host agency extending the invitation.

11.5 A generic dog/cat from a country (zone) not recognized as being free from rabies, which has passed the rabies test but the date of blood sampling fails to comply with the requirement in Article 10.3 or without a test report showing the animal has passed the rabies test, may still be imported with the application pursuant to Article 11.1 and be detained in post-entry quarantine facility for 97 days after the date of blood sampling, or sampled in post-entry quarantine facility for rabies test and detained in quarantine for 97 days after the date of blood sampling that passes the rabies test.

11.6 If there is a need to change the entry date or the port of entry after acquiring the import quarantine permit pursuant to Article 11.1, the applicant shall submit an application to the import/export animal quarantine authority stationed at the port of entry for the change before the permit expires. The submission shall occur at least 10 days prior to the new entry date. A photocopy of the original import permit, a vaccination certificate and a test report, in compliance with Articles 11.1.2 and 11.1.3 shall be included. Application for such a change can only be requested once.

12. Generic dogs/cats imported from a country (zone) not recognized as being free from rabies shall be accompanied by an original veterinary certificate issued by the animal quarantine authority of the exporting

country. The certificate shall state the following information in English or Chinese:

12.1 Type and origin of the animal:

12.1.1 Species (dog or cat shall be noted);

12.1.2 Total quantity;

12.1.3 Sex, age and microchip number;

12.1.4 The exporting country; and

12.1.5 Name of the exporter.

12.2 Result of the quarantine:

12.2.1 That the animal shows no clinical signs of rabies upon inspection;

12.2.2 Date of vaccination against rabies, name of the vaccine and manufacturer (or state “the vaccine is inactivated”), and other information required in compliance with Article 10.2;

12.2.3 That the dog/cat has passed the rabies test, the date of blood sampling, and the name of the test laboratory. Such information may be waived if an original test report is attached to show the dog/cat has passed the test. For the circumstance described in Article 10.3.2, additional information regarding the previous test shall be attested, or the original test report of the previous test shall be provided.

12.3 Date of issuance, name and official stamp of the issuing authority, and name and signature of the issuing officer.

13. Upon a generic dog/cat’s arrival at a port of the importing country from a country (zone) not recognized as being free from rabies, the importer shall submit the following documents to apply to the import/export animal quarantine authority for quarantine inspection:

13.1 Photocopy of the import quarantine permit;

13.2 The original export veterinary certificate, and

13.3 Photocopy of the bill of lading, airway bill or customs declaration.

14.

14.1 In response to the application submitted pursuant to Article 13, the import/export animal quarantine authority will issue the import veterinary certificate only after confirming of compliance with Articles 10 and 12, and the dog/cat shows no suspicious clinical signs of notifiable animal infectious diseases after being detained for 7 days in a post-entry quarantine facility. However, quarantine in the prescribed post-entry facility may be waived for a dog/cat that:

14.1.1 Has applied for the “serious medical condition” status pursuant to Article 11.1.5 and deemed to need special medical care by the

import/export animal quarantine authority. The dog/cat may be allowed to go through quarantine at a designated alternative facility; or

14.1.2 Has an import quarantine permit obtained pursuant to Article 11.1.6 and shall follow the Project-Oriented Quarantine Plan approved by the import/export animal quarantine authority.

15.

15.1 A generic dog/cat from a country (zone) not recognized as being free from rabies will be returned to sender, euthanized and destroyed, or sent to a post-entry quarantine facility if it falls in any of the following circumstances:

15.1.1 Without a microchip implant;

15.1.2 Without the original export veterinary certificate;

15.1.3 The export veterinary certificate is provided but without the microchip number, or the number is inconsistent with that of the animal;

15.1.4 The export veterinary certificate is provided but without the animal's species, sex, and age; or the information is inconsistent with that of the dog/cat; or without a statement saying that the dog/cat shows no clinical signs of rabies upon inspection;

15.1.5 The export veterinary certificate fails to comply with Article 12.2.2;

15.1.6 The export veterinary certificate fails to comply with Article 12.2.3, and an original test report showing that the dog/cat has passed the rabies test is not provided; or

15.1.7 The dog/cat has passed the rabies test, but the date of blood sampling fails to comply with the requirements in Article 10.3.

15.2 The import veterinary certificate will be issued for a dog/cat described in Article 15.1 only after confirming that the dog/cat shows no suspicious clinical signs of notifiable animal infectious diseases, and complies with the following requirements after post-entry quarantine:

15.2.1 For the circumstances in Articles 15.1.1 to 15.1.3 and 15.1.6, the dog/cat shall complete vaccination with vaccine against rabies over 90 days of age, sample the blood for rabies test over 30 days after vaccination, and be detained in quarantine for 97 days after the date of blood sampling that passes the rabies test. For those not pass the test, the abovementioned procedure of vaccination and test may be repeated or the animal shall be detained in quarantine for 180 days. For the circumstance in Article 15.1.1, the dog/cat shall get a

microchip implant immediately after entering the post-entry quarantine facility. For the circumstances in Articles 15.1.2 or 15.1.3, post-entry quarantine period will be shortened to 30 days, and additional disease mitigation measures like vaccination, blood testing, are not required during post-entry quarantine if the dog/cat meets two conditions: (1) the dog/cat had been exported from importing country and re-entered within one year possessing the export quarantine document of importing country, and (2) the dog/cat has an original test report confirming the dog/cat has passed the test with the blood sampled before leaving the importing country and within one year prior to re-entering importing country.

15.2.2 For the circumstance in Article 15.1.4, the dog/cat shall be detained in a post-entry quarantine facility for 30 days.

15.2.3 For the circumstance in Article 15.1.5, the dog/cat shall complete vaccination with vaccine against rabies pursuant to Article 10.2, and be detained in post-entry quarantine facility for 30 days after the vaccination.

15.2.4 For the circumstance in Article 15.1.7, the dog/cat shall be detained in a post-entry quarantine facility for 97 days beyond the date the blood sample is collected for testing.

15.3 For the circumstances in Articles 15.1.4 to 15.1.7, if disease mitigation measures (vaccination and blood testing) that have already been completed pursuant to these requirements do not need to be repeated during post-entry quarantine, according to the statements in one of the following documents:

15.3.1 The export veterinary certificate; or

15.3.2 The export quarantine document issued by importing country for the dog/cat to be re-entering within one year.

#### Chapter 4: Importation of Service Dogs from Countries (Zones) Not Recognized as Being Free from Rabies

16. Service dogs imported from a country (zone) not recognized as being free from rabies shall comply with all of the following requirements:

16.1 Implanted with a microchip,

16.2 Vaccinated with one of the following vaccine against rabies within 30 days to one year prior to importation, and the dog/cat shall be over 90 days of age at vaccination.

16.2.1 The inactivated vaccine.

- 16.2.2 The vaccine with a veterinary drug license issued by the competent authority of the importing country in accordance with the Veterinary Drugs Control Act.
- 6.3 Passing the rabies test with the blood sampled during any of the following periods:
- 16.3.1 Within 90 days to one year prior to importation;
- 16.3.2 Within 90 days to one year subsequent to the previous blood sampling that passed the rabies test, and within one year prior to importation; or
- 16.3.3 Before exiting the importing country and within one year prior to re-entering the importing country.
- 17.
- 17.1 To import a service dog from a country (zone) not recognized as being free from rabies, the applicant shall submit an application for import quarantine permit to the import/export animal quarantine authority stationed at the port of entry at least 20 days prior to entering or before exiting the importing country for subsequent re-entry along with photocopies of the following documents:
- 17.1.1 Identification document of the applicant. An applicant registered in the importing country shall provide the photocopy of the national identification card;
- 17.1.2 Certificate of the service dog as described in Articles 1.6 to 1.9;
- 17.1.3 A vaccination certificate signed by a veterinarian of using vaccine against rabies in compliance with Article 16.2;
- 17.1.4 Report issued by a reference or designated laboratory that the dog has passed the rabies test. For animals described in Article 16.3.2, the previous test report must be attached; and
- 17.1.5 For a service dog in compliance with Article 16.3.3 and re-entering within 90 days after leaving the importing country, the export quarantine document of the importing country must be provided.
- 17.2 The certificate in Article 17.1.3 shall attest in Chinese or English the animal's species, sex, age, microchip number, vaccination dates, name of the vaccine and manufacturer (or state "the vaccine is inactivated"), and other information in compliance with Article 16.2.
- 17.3 A service dog from a country (zone) not recognized as being free from rabies, which has passed the rabies test but the date of the blood sampling fails to comply with the requirement in Article 16.3 or without a test report showing the animal has passed the rabies test, may

still be imported with the application pursuant to Article 17.1 and be detained in post-entry quarantine facility for 90 days after the date of blood sampling, or sampled in post-entry quarantine facility for rabies test and detained in quarantine for 90 days after the date of blood sampling that passes the rabies test.

- 17.4 If there is a need to change the entry date or the port of entry after acquiring the import quarantine permit pursuant to Article 17.1, the applicant shall re-submit an application for the change to the import/export animal quarantine authority stationed at the port of entry before the permit expires. This submission shall occur at least 10 days prior the new entry date. A photocopy of the original import permit, a vaccination certificate and a test report, in compliance with Articles 17.1.3 and 17.1.4 shall be included. Application for such a change can only be requested once.
18. Service dogs imported from a country (zone) not recognized as being free from rabies shall be accompanied by an original veterinary certificate issued by the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country. The certificate shall state the following information in English or Chinese:
- 18.1 Type and origin of the animal:
- 18.1.1 Species (dog shall be noted);
- 18.1.2 Total quantity;
- 18.1.3 Sex, age and microchip number;
- 18.1.4 The exporting country; and
- 18.1.5 Name of the exporter.
- 18.2 Result of the quarantine:
- 18.2.1 That the animal shows no clinical signs of rabies upon inspection;
- 18.2.2 Date of vaccination against rabies, name of the vaccine and manufacturer (or state “the vaccine is inactivated”), and other information in compliance with Article 16.2; and
- 18.2.3 That the dog has passed the rabies test, the date of blood sampling, and the name of the testing laboratory. Such information may be waived if an original test report is attached to show that the dog has passed the rabies test. For the circumstance described in Article 16.3.2, additional information regarding the previous test shall be attested, or the original report of the previous test shall be provided.
- 18.3 Date of issuance, name and official stamp of the issuing authority, and name and signature of the issuing officer.

19. Upon a service dog's arrival at a port of the importing country from a country (zone) not recognized as being free from rabies, the importer shall submit the following documents to apply for quarantine inspection to the import/export animal quarantine authority stationed at the port of entry:
  - 19.1 Photocopy of the import quarantine permit;
  - 19.2 The original export veterinary certificate;
  - 19.3 The original service dog certificate; and
  - 19.4 Photocopy of the bill of lading, airway bill or customs declaration.
20. In response to applications submitted pursuant to Article 19, the import/export animal quarantine authority will issue the import veterinary certificate only after confirming that requirements in Articles 16 and 18 are complied with, and the dog shows no suspicious clinical signs of notifiable animal infectious diseases.
21.
  - 21.1 A service dog from a country (zone) not recognized as being free from rabies will be returned to sender, euthanized and destroyed, or sent to a post-entry quarantine facility if it falls in any of the following circumstances:
    - 21.1.1 Without a microchip implant;
    - 21.1.2 Without the original export veterinary certificate;
    - 21.1.3 The export veterinary certificate is provided but without the microchip number, or the microchip number is inconsistent with that of the dog;
    - 21.1.4 The export veterinary certificate is provided but without the animal's species, sex, and age; or the information is inconsistent with that of the actual animal; or without a statement saying the service dog shows no clinical signs of rabies upon inspection, or the original certificate of the service dog is not provided;
    - 21.1.5 The export veterinary certificate fails to comply with Article 18.2.2;
    - 21.1.6 The export veterinary certificate fails to comply with Article 18.2.3, and an original test report showing that the dog has passed the rabies test is not provided; or
    - 21.1.7 The service dog has passed the rabies test, but the date of blood sampling fails to comply with the requirements in Article 16.3.
  - 21.2 The import veterinary certificate will be issued only after the dog detained in post-entry quarantine pursuant to Article 21.1 shows no suspicious clinical signs of notifiable animal infectious diseases, and

complies with the following requirements:

- 21.2.1 For the circumstances in Articles 21.1.1 to 21.1.3, the dog shall complete vaccination with vaccine against rabies over 90 days of age, sample the blood for rabies test over 30 days after vaccination, and be detained in quarantine for 97 days after the date of blood sampling that passes the rabies test. For those not passing the test, the abovementioned procedure of vaccination and test may be repeated or the animal may be detained in quarantine for 180 days. For the circumstance in Article 21.1.1, the dog shall get a microchip implant immediately after entering the post-entry quarantine facility. For the circumstances in Articles 21.1.2 or 21.1.3, post-entry quarantine shall be shortened to 7 days and additional disease mitigation measures like vaccination and blood testing are not required during post-entry quarantine if the dog meets two conditions: (1) the dog had been exported from importing country and re-entered within 1 year possessing the export quarantine document of importing country, and (2) the dog has an original test report confirming the dog has passed the test with the blood sampled before leaving the importing country and within one year prior to re-entering importing country.
- 21.2.2 For the circumstance in Article 21.1.4, the dog shall be detained in a post-entry quarantine facility for 7 days.
- 21.2.3 For the circumstance in Article 21.1.5, the dog shall be detained at a post-entry quarantine facility for 30 days after the vaccination of vaccine against rabies pursuant to Article 16.2.
- 21.2.4 For circumstances in Article 21.1.6, the dog shall be detained in a post-entry quarantine facility for 90 days beyond the date of blood sampling that passes the rabies test subsequent to vaccination with vaccine against rabies pursuant to Article 16.
- 21.2.5 For circumstances in Article 21.1.7, the dog shall be detained in a post-entry quarantine facility for 90 days beyond the date the blood sample is collected for testing.
- 21.3 For the circumstances in Articles 21.1.4 to 21.1.7, disease mitigation measures (vaccination and blood testing) that have already been completed pursuant to these requirements do not need to be repeated during post-entry quarantine, according to the statements in one of the following documents:
- 21.3.1 The statements of the export veterinary certificate; or

21.3.2 The export quarantine document issued by importing country for the dog re-entering within one year.

22.

22.1 A search and rescue dog imported upon the consent of a disaster prevention and protection agency for rescue tasks in response to domestic disasters shall be exempted from requirements in Articles 3 to 21.

22.2 Prior to the entry of a search and rescue dog described in Article 22.1, the applicant shall submit an application for import quarantine permit along with photocopy of rabies vaccination certificate, and the disaster prevention and protection agency's written consent to the import/export animal quarantine authority stationed at the port of entry.

22.3 Upon arrival of the search and rescue dog described in Article 22.1, the importer shall submit the original export veterinary certificate to the import/export animal quarantine authority stationed at the port of entry. The import veterinary certificate will be issued only after confirming that the animal is consistent with the following information attested by the original export veterinary certificate:

22.3.1 The search and rescue dog's species, sex, age, and microchip number;

22.3.2 Date of vaccination against rabies; and

22.3.3 That the search and rescue dog shows no clinical signs of rabies upon inspection.

22.4 After importation of the search and rescue dog, the local animal disease control authority of the disaster area, and the import/export animal quarantine authority may send officials to check on the health of the search and rescue dog.

22.5 A search and rescue dog assigned by a disaster prevention and protection agency for rescue tasks in response to international disasters and re-entering within 30 days shall be exempted from requirements from Articles 3 to Article 21.

22.6 Upon arrival of the search and rescue dog described in Article 22.5, the importer shall submit the following information to the import/export animal quarantine authority stationed at the port of entry. The import veterinary certificate will be issued only after confirming that the animal shows no clinical signs of rabies and is consistent with the following information:

22.6.1 A photocopy of the export quarantine document of importing country

for the dog exporting; and

- 22.6.2 A photocopy of the vaccination certificate signed by a veterinarian using vaccine against rabies within 30 days to one year prior to importation and a photocopy of the test report confirming that the dog has passed the test with the blood sampled before leaving the importing country and within one year prior to re-entering importing country.

#### Chapter 5: Additional Provisions

23. The applicant is to bear the cost incurred by the dog/cat for detention, transport, clinical check-up, quarantine measures (feeding, handling, medical care, sampling/testing, microchip implanting, and vaccination), re-export, culling and destruction for safety precaution or other measures deemed necessary.

24.

- 24.1 A dog/cat subject to post-entry quarantine shall be upon arrival at the port of entry escorted to the designated post-entry quarantine facility by the import/export animal quarantine authority. However, the escort operation may be waived for a dog/cat if it falls in any of the following circumstances:

- 24.1.1 Deemed to need a special medical care for serious medical condition by the import/export animal quarantine authority and allowed to conduct quarantine at an alternative designated post-entry quarantine facility according to Article 14.1;

- 24.1.2 Is a duty dog; or

- 24.1.3 Agreed by the import/export animal quarantine authority to be transported to a designated post-entry quarantine facility within a specified time in writing with the transportation cage being sealed well and in compliance with any of the following requirements:

- 24.1.3.1 A dog/cat has an import quarantine permit obtained pursuant to Article 11.1.6 and complying with the Project-Oriented Quarantine Plan approved by the import/export animal quarantine authority; or

- 24.1.3.2 A dog/cat is brachycephalic or more than 10 years old, and the import/export animal quarantine authority stationed at a port of entry agrees to an exemption from being escorted.

- 24.2 The importer/applicant may provide the transport vehicle for transportation described in Article 24.1 with the consent of the import/export animal quarantine authority.

- 24.3 The import/export animal quarantine authority may commission the

escort operation described in Article 24.1 to another agency, legal entity or organization.

25. A dog/cat in the following circumstances during post-entry quarantine shall be subject to corresponding measures:
  - 25.1 A booster vaccination with vaccine against rabies shall be required if a post-entry blood test shows a rabies neutralizing antibody titer level less than 0.5 IU/ml.
  - 25.2 A booster vaccination with vaccine against rabies shall be required if one year has passed since the most recent vaccination date.
  - 25.3 If a dog/cat gives birth during post-entry quarantine, the mother and offspring shall stay together until the end of the mother's quarantine period.
26. A quarantine inspector shall on his or her own initiative take necessary actions to dispose of an imported dog/cat deemed or suspected contracting notifiable animal infectious diseases. A dog/cat suspected to have an animal infectious disease other than the notifiable ones may be detained in quarantine isolation until the suspicion is ruled out.
27. For dogs/cats imported before the implementation of this set of Requirements but not yet obtained the Import Veterinary Certificate issued by the animal quarantine authority, the import/export animal quarantine authority may issue the Import Veterinary Certificate upon the confirmation of that importation of the dog/cat is in compliance with this set of Requirements.